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skinhead mayhem!**







Skinhead means a lot of different things to a lot of different people. What outsiders think of us doesn't matter and never will. What counts is what the cult means to skins themselves. Over the last 25 years, much has changed for both good and bad. But the traditional values of the skinhead cult live on. Values that mean being proud of yourself, your family, your town, your working class roots and your country. Being a skinhead is about always fighting for what you believe is right, and backing up a mate even when you know he or she is wrong. It's about being the first to open a beer at a party and the last to leave. It's about thinking for yourself and knowing that nobody is better than you. It's about listening to street music when the mugs are listening to the crap in the charts. And as has been said

Fight The Real NME

GOD gave journalists a brain and a mouth just like the rest of us, but mention the word "skinhead" and most of them go into moron mode and let their arse do the talking.

In April, the music newspaper, *NME*, ran an article with a heading that proudly boasted "ANL FOIL FASCIST GIG". Apparently, the Anti-Nazi League had discovered a secret fascist gig in Camden and had prevented it taking place. No doubt all the trendy students reading the article were jumping up and down and buying another round of Nicaraguan beer to celebrate, but the article was so full of inaccuracies and complete nonsense that you seriously begin to wonder whether anything the *NME* prints is in fact true.

For starters, the article states "Anti-Nazi League supporters successfully prevented a neo-fascist gig at the Dublin Castle that day, Camden Dublin Castle on April 24."

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The article then states, "The fascist group The League Of St. George had booked the Dublin Castle for a private function, giving the landlord the impression that it was a wedding party by turning up in the afternoon with a cake." The truth is that the pub wasn't booked by The League Of St. George or any other fascist organisation. And the reason a cake was delivered in the afternoon was for the

simple reason that it was a genuine wedding reception. Earth calling ANL protesters. Yeah, even skinheads get married.

The *NME* continues, "ANL protesters heard of the gig and besieged the pub. The police made a number of arrests and confiscated weapons from the fascists including CS gas canisters and knives."

Well, the *NME* did get something right. The ANL did turn up outside the pub, as did the local boys in blue. What should have been the best day in a skinhead couples' lives was ruined by extremists who at the end of the day are no better than the people they claim to oppose. A fascist is a fascist, be he from the left or right of the political spectrum. But there were no arrests, and no confiscation of weapons either.

A spokesman for the ANL said, "We see it as a success that they have been driven to booking the back rooms of pubs under assumed names". If turning up outside a pub every time two skinheads buy a pint and claiming you've foiled a Nuremberg Rally is a success, what price The Faroe Islands to win the next World Cup?

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circles, but widely regarded as the big yawn of the day at Madstock), the writer states, "a tiny firm of sour-faced skins scowl through these hyperactive unity anthems, but they're totally outnumbered by multi-racial pop kids on all sides." And the writer hasn't finished yet. The word "skinhead" transforms into "bonehead" and we are welcomed "to the human race".

There were hundreds of skinheads at Madstock and no doubt some did scowl through Credit To The Nation. Boredom not fascism is the word you're looking for though. What a "multi-racial pop kid" is beats me, but the skinhead cult needs no lectures from trendy journalists about unity anthems. Who was it that put songs like *Young, Gifted And Black* into the charts and championed reggae before it was trendy to do so? And who was it that put 2 Tone on the map, and indeed Madness themselves? And who is it that to this day gives artists like Laurel Aitken and Prince Buster the credit they deserve?

And if you were in the pubs before Madstock, chances are you stumbled across a ska and reggae disco packed with skinheads dancing away with pint glasses in their hands.

Of course there are skinheads who support fascism. Just like there are men in suits who support fascism and even no doubt journalists who support fascism. But there are plenty of skinheads that don't. That's our point. Nothing more nothing less. Not all Nazis are skinheads and not all skinheads are Nazis.

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Cock Sparrer Video To Be Released

A live Cock Sparrer video, *Guilty As Charged*, is to be released in October. Filmed in Leipzig, Milan and Wertheim during their recent European tour, the video is a full 70 minutes long and includes 21 Sparrer classics. Should be a cracker. Interested distributors should contact Bitzcore, Postfach 304107, 20324 Hamburg.

Germany. Sparrer fans in the UK will be pleased to hear that their blinding *Guilty As Charged* album is now available in all good record shops here via Cargo. Other Sparrer news is that they may play some German dates around Christmas time and are planning a U.S. tour for Spring, '95. Meanwhile, Chris Skepis, who played on Sparrer's debut *Shock Troops* album, is actually Brazilian and now lives in Sao Paulo where he sings and plays guitar for local band, Pitbulls On Crack.

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Ben Sherman Clothes
The Merc have launched a new range of Ben Sherman t-shirts, sweatshirts and hooded tops. For full ordering details send a SAE (UK only) or an IRC to Merc, 17-21 Ganton Street, London. W1V 1LA. England., or visit them next time you're in London. Not so clever is the new range of trendy Dr. Marten leisurewear, although we hear Sekonda have just launched a Dr. Marten watch which is worth checking out.

Selector Book Planned
Paul Williams, whose book, *You're Wondering Now - A History Of The Specials*, will be published later this year by S.T. Publishing, is starting work on another one. This time he's looking to document the history of 2 Tone stable mates, The Selector, and is looking for cuttings, photos and absolutely anything else on the band. Everything will be returned so if

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•Judge Dread & The Imposters are headlining a two day Skinhead Jamboree at the Kurt-Esser-Haus, Koblenz, Germany to celebrate 25 years of our cult. The event takes place on the 7th and 8th of October, with the Judge being joined on the opening night by The Riffs, Dr. Ring Ding & The Senior Allstars, Belgian's Five In Ten and Germany's Monkey Shop. Saturday sees Norwich punks Braintance topping the bill, with Oi! Polloi, Smegma, Contempt, Oxymeron, Blanc Estoc and two other punk bands providing support. Further information and ticket details can be had by phoning +49 (0) 261 679 770 or from Red Rossetten, Postlagernd, 56182 Urbar. Germany. It's going to be two nights of drinking and dancing, so politicians stay at home.



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Arthur Kay is well known to most skinheads as the bass player with Oi! heroes The Last Resort, and as front man for ska band, The Originals. *Watching The Rich Kids* is Arthur's life story in his own words, telling of his 25 years in street music, from the hard mod days of the 1960s right up to today. It also describes his battle against drink and drugs, one that nearly cost him his life. 104 pages with photos, this book is already a street classic. Miss it now and you'll really miss out.

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•**The Toasters** celebrated their tenth birthday with a gig at New York's Wetlands on 26 August where they were joined on stage by numerous ex-Toasters. Also on the bill were **The Skunks** and Toronto's **Arsenals** who have a CD released on **Moon** later this year. For all the latest U.S. ska news send a SASE (USA only) or 2 IRCs to Moon Records Skazette, P.O. Box 1412, Cooper Station, New York, NY 10276. USA.

•**Boisterous** have had to delay the recording of their debut album, **Go Out And Get It**, because of the usual problems involved in running a band. **Pete** the drummer has started working dodgy shifts, so they drafted in original sticks man **Wrighty** for recording. Then he pissed off on his holidays! Then **Wez** injured his hand at work, and then they couldn't get into the studio because the owner had fucked off to Canada for a month! If it doesn't rain, it pours. Still, everything should be ready for the end of September.

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FOLLOWING the interest shown in street rock band, **The Cho-Zen**, after their appearance on **The United Kingdom Of Punk And Oil**, **Step 1** will now be releasing their debut album in November of this year.

The album, probably to be called simply **The Cho-Zen**, will feature ten new tracks. plus *Made In*

England which first appeared on the **Richard Allen Tribute Single**, and **Two Per Cent**, a great track that will also be turning up on another **Step 1** compilation with three other new tracks. The band's sound has been described as a cross between **The Sex Pistols** and **The Who** (Dr. Who if their stage gear is to be believed - A Clockwork Orange meets teddy boy meet hairy aii).

The band consists of Bilko from **The Last Resort** on bass and vocals, Bobby Fabulous on guitar and Jack Michaelson on drums, and once the album comes out they plan to go on the road.

Anyone interested in booking them can contact **The Cho-Zen** through **Step 1**, P.O. Box 201, Yalding, Kent. ME18 6HF. England.

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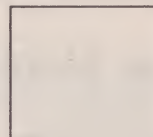
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STEVE SMITH SILENCED

Sunderland's **Red Alert**, who are currently gigging in Europe, will release a double 7" on **Nightmare/Knock Out Records** soon. *Drinkin' With Red Alert* will contain six tracks, and will also be released on CD with the tracks from the *Beyond The Cut* album. Also out now is a repressing of the band's very first single, *Third And Final*, on French label, **Combat Rock**.

The band are also looking to return to the States later this year, with dates on the East Coast as well as hopefully Los Angeles. In May they played three gigs there, including the all day punk festival in Astbury Park, but all didn't go to plan. Steve Smith, who has been reported to the RSPCA in the past for talking the hind legs off of donkeys, lost his voice after only one song on their first night. Tony Van Frater took over and Steve spent the next two days in silence, taking every throat and voice medicine known to man. Fortunately, he recovered in time for the next gig, and normal broadcasting has been resumed.

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•Congratulations to **Carla** and **Norbert** from Nijmegen, Holland on the birth of their son, **Joey**, on 29 April 1994.



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The Cho-Zen Sign To Step 1

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England which first appeared on the *Richard Allen Tribute Single*, and *Two Per Cent*, a great track that will also be turning up on another Step 1 compilation with three other new tracks. The band's sound has been described as a cross between The Sex Pistols and The Who (Dr. Who if their stage gear is to be believed - A Clockwork Orange meets teddy boy meet hairy git).

The band consists of Bilko from The Last Resort on bass and vocals, Bobby Fabulous on guitar and Jack Michaelson on drums, and once the album comes out they plan to go on the road.

Anyone interested in booking them can contact The Cho-Zen through Step 1, P.O. Box 201, Yalding, Kent. ME18 6HF. England.

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STEVE SMITH SILENCED

Sunderland's Red Alert, who are currently gigging in Europe, will release a double 7" on Nightmare/Knock Out Records soon. *Drinkin' With Red Alert* will contain six tracks, and will also be released on CD with the tracks from the *Beyond The Cut* album. Also out now is a repressing of the band's very first single, *Third And Final*, on French label, Combat Rock.

The band are also looking to return to the States later this year, with dates on the East Coast as well as hopefully Los Angeles. In May they played three gigs there, including the all day punk festival in Astbury Park, but all didn't go to plan. Steve Smith, who has been reported to the RSPCA in the past for talking the hind legs off of donkeys, lost his voice after only one song on their first night. Tony Van Frater took over and Steve spent the next two days in silence, taking every throat and voice medicine known to man. Fortunately, he recovered in time for the next gig, and normal broadcasting has been resumed.

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☐MOD fans will be pleased to hear that the hard to find *Uppers On The South Downers* compilation will be available on CD in November (Dojo).

☐DERRICK MORGAN, who is touring Europe in November with YEBO, is to record a new album for release on Pork Pie.

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☐OXYMORON plan to release a second EP and an album later this year.

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☐THE TROJANS are planning a *Best Of ... CD* for release on Moon Records.

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Zakarrak, the Basque Oi! band, have decided to split. Other bad news from Spain is that Iskanbila have also called it a day, just after being offered a recording deal with Nightmare and Capita Swing.

Miss Skinhead 1994

Due to popular demand, from both skinheads and skinhead girls, we are going to hold another Miss Skinhead competition.

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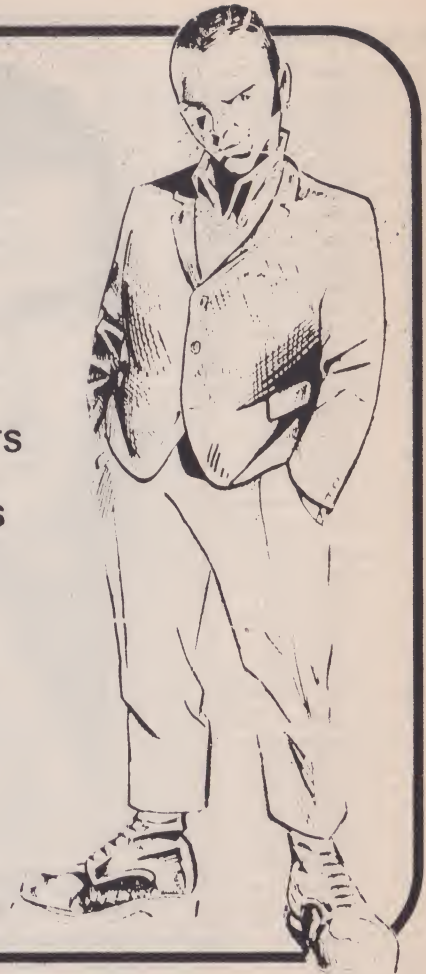
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So far, some background work has been done in London, Glasgow and New York, and it now looks like filming proper will begin in January 1995 for a one hour programme that should go out sometime towards the end of 1995.

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•999, PKRK, The Harries and Void Section play at Ontmoegingscentrum in Velzeke/Zottegem, Belgium on 5th of November.

•Pork Pie Records are holding a Jubilee Party in November to celebrate their fifth birthday. On the 18th of November you can get in the party mood at the SO36 in Berlin with Derrick Morgan, No Sports and Yebo, and on the Saturday it's The Toasters, The Frits and Mr. Review at Lindenpark, Potsdam.

•Swindon band, The Skanxters, are as busy as ever gig-wise. Catch them at Southampton Anchor & Hope (29 October), Lechlade Riverside (4 November), Birmingham Breedon Bar (11), Bath Porter Butt (12), Bristol Fleece & Firkin (17), Wootton Bassett Old Nick (26), Coventry (3 and 4 December tba), Pewsey (Coopers Arms (9), Swindon Brunel Rooms (9), Oxford Jericho Tavern (15), and Swindon Monkey Club (22).

•You can also catch The Skanxters at Milton Keynes Sanctuary Music arena on 23 December where they join Bad Manners, the Madness tribute band One Step Behind, Loonee Toons and others for a Xmas Ska Fest. Tickets are £10 and more details are available on 0272 299008

TIZIANO DIES

Tiziano, who in the early Eighties managed Italian skinhead band Nabat, and later wrote the *Working Class Kids* zine and ran the *Skaology Fan Club* has sadly died of a brain haemorrhage. Klasse Kriminale and friends raised over £1,500 at a benefit gig to pay for his funeral since his mother is an invalid and has no family. To raise more money for his mum, his record collection is being sold with lots of Oi!, ska and reggae rarities on offer. If you would like to buy some records send an IRC to Marco Balestrino, C.P. 426 (Centrale), 17100 Savona, Italy, for a list

contact us do know the first thing about the cult and any knowledge they do have comes from reading the clueless drivel of their brethren.

But for the first and probably last time, we've decided to work with a Glasgow production company called Pictorial Heroes who are hoping to make a programme on skinheads for Channel 4 which may also be shown elsewhere in the world too. The two blokes seem decent enough (Doug supports Gillingham so must be a sound bloke, and Alan spends most of his time in pubs so can't be all bad either) and at the end of the day, we know where they both live.

So far, some background work has been done in London, Glasgow and New York, and it now looks like filming proper will begin in January 1995 for a one hour programme that should go out sometime towards the end of 1995.

Basically, the idea behind the programme is to make the definitive skinhead documentary. Skinheads and ex-skinheads, together with members of bands and other people connected with the cult, will be given the opportunity to have their say, as the 25 years of skinhead history is documented on screen. The whole programme will also have a constant soundtrack as background music, and this will give bands both past and present some much needed TV exposure. In effect, for one glorious hour, skinheads will rule at least one TV channel.

At the moment, we have a lot of say in the editorial line to be taken and we have no interest in

you think we should be filming in your town or city, and talking to and filming your skinhead crew or band, then get in touch.

We also want to hear from skinheads and ex-skinheads from the first generation of our cult. People who were skins in '69-'71, and especially anyone who has film footage (even old home movies and videos) that show skinheads from that era. And we want to hear from skinheads whose dad or mum or uncle or big brother was a skinhead, that sort of thing. The same goes for skinheads who joined the cult later in the Seventies and the Eighties. We want skins who are just kids and skins who are old enough to know better. And it goes without saying that the above all applies to skinhead girls too.

In fact anything that you think might be of interest let us know, even if it's just an idea of what should be included. And if you want to be in the programme, get in touch too. There will be no clever questions to answer or any shit like that. In fact, we'll make sure that everyone gets any questions to be asked beforehand and if there is anything you don't like just say so. Same goes if during filming, you make a mistake and want to start again. Just say so and that's what will happen.

If you've got anything to say or contribute to the programme which will simply be called SKINHEAD please write to George Marshall at the usual address - S.T. Publishing, P.O. Box 12, Dunoon, Argyll PA23 7BQ Scotland.

OI! RECORDS LPS TO BE RELEASED

Step 1 are to re-release the four *Skins And Punks* split LPs originally released on the now dead and buried Oi! Records. In October *Skins And Punks Volume One*, which featured Last Rough Cause and Society's Rejects, will be released in December, followed by *Volume Two*, with Section 5 (instead of Oi! Polloi) and The Betrayed, and *Volume Three*, with The Glory and The Magnificent in January '94.

February sees the release of *Volume Four*, with The Abnormal and Barbed Wire. •The latest Ragnarock Oi! singles discography is out now with every Oi! release from ABH and Action Dissidente to Zona A and Zündstoff listed, plus a special section on French Oi! Superb stuff. For ordering details send a SAE (France) or IRC (elsewhere) to Bleach, BP 6151, 14065 Caen France. Any Oi! bands or labels releasing material should let Ragnarock know so that your stuff can be catalogued

Postcards

A set of black and white line art skinhead postcards is currently available from Joy, P.O. Box 704, Annapolis, MD 21401 USA. Artwork is by a skinhead called Jackson. Also, skinhead artist Steve Friel, who has worked on countless record sleeves, has produced a set of six stunning colour postcards featuring skinheads. They are available exclusively through the Merc.

BOOK COLLECTORS

A few people have written to ask if the German language versions of *Spirit Of '69 - A Skinhead Bible* and *Richard Allen's Skinhead* are available. The answer is yes and anyone who collects skinhead books and wants copies please write to the usual S.T. Publishing address and we'll send ordering details.

SKAVOOVEE TOUR NEWS

Despite hopes that Skavoozee '94 would feature some big guns from the 2 Tone days, it now looks like the 28 date tour will be an all-American affair. Madness were allegedly asking \$100,000 per show, while The Selector and what is now called The Specials (no Damners, Hall or Brad though) have decided to organise their own tours.

So now the tour will consist of The Toasters and The Scofflaws from New York and Washington DC's Pietasters, together with two local acts (mostly from the *Skarmageddon* CD) opening each night.

Dates are still to be confirmed, but it's likely Skavoozee will roll into the following towns: Washington DC (October 14 and 15), Philadelphia (16), Boston (20), New Haven (21), Albany (22), Syracuse (23), Ithaca (24), Pittsburgh (25), Cleveland (26), Detroit (28), Chicago (29), Minneapolis (30), Madison WI (31), Lawrence KS (November 1), Denver (2), Salt Lake City (3), Boise ID (4), Seattle (5), Portland (6), San Francisco (8), Hawaii (9 and 10), Los Angeles (11), San Diego (12), Phoenix (13), Albuquerque (14), Tucson (15), El Paso 16 and New York (23). Check with Moon for latest news

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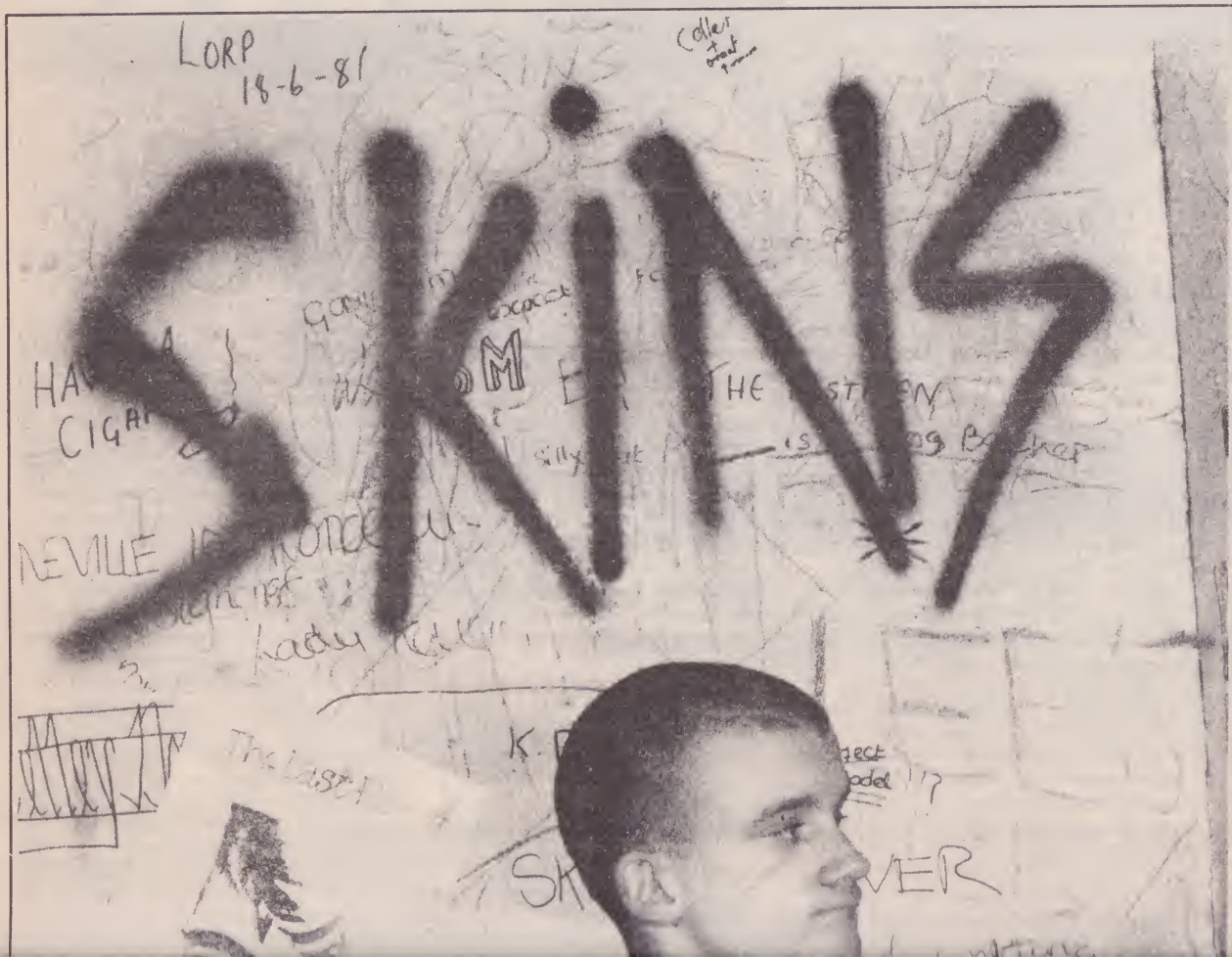
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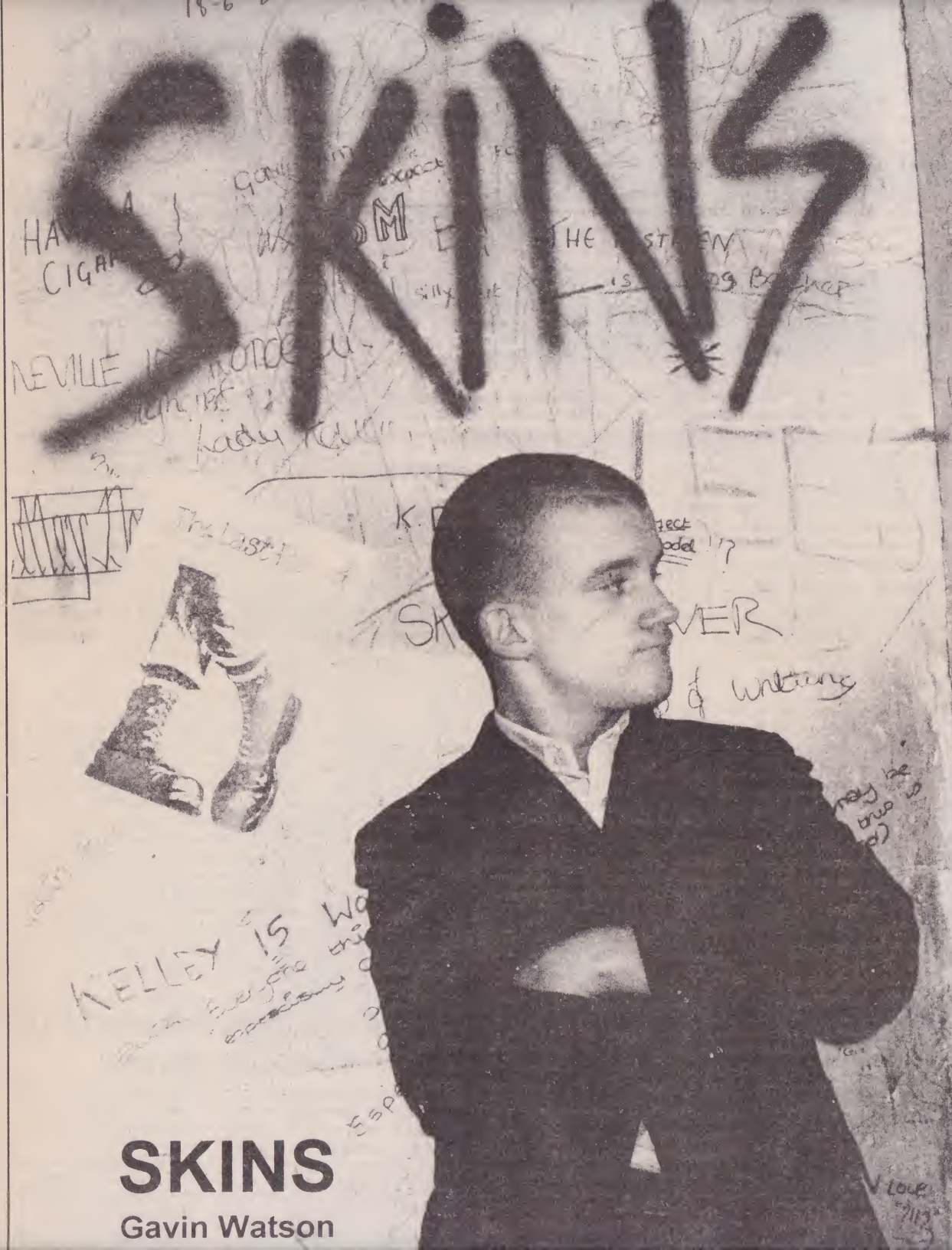
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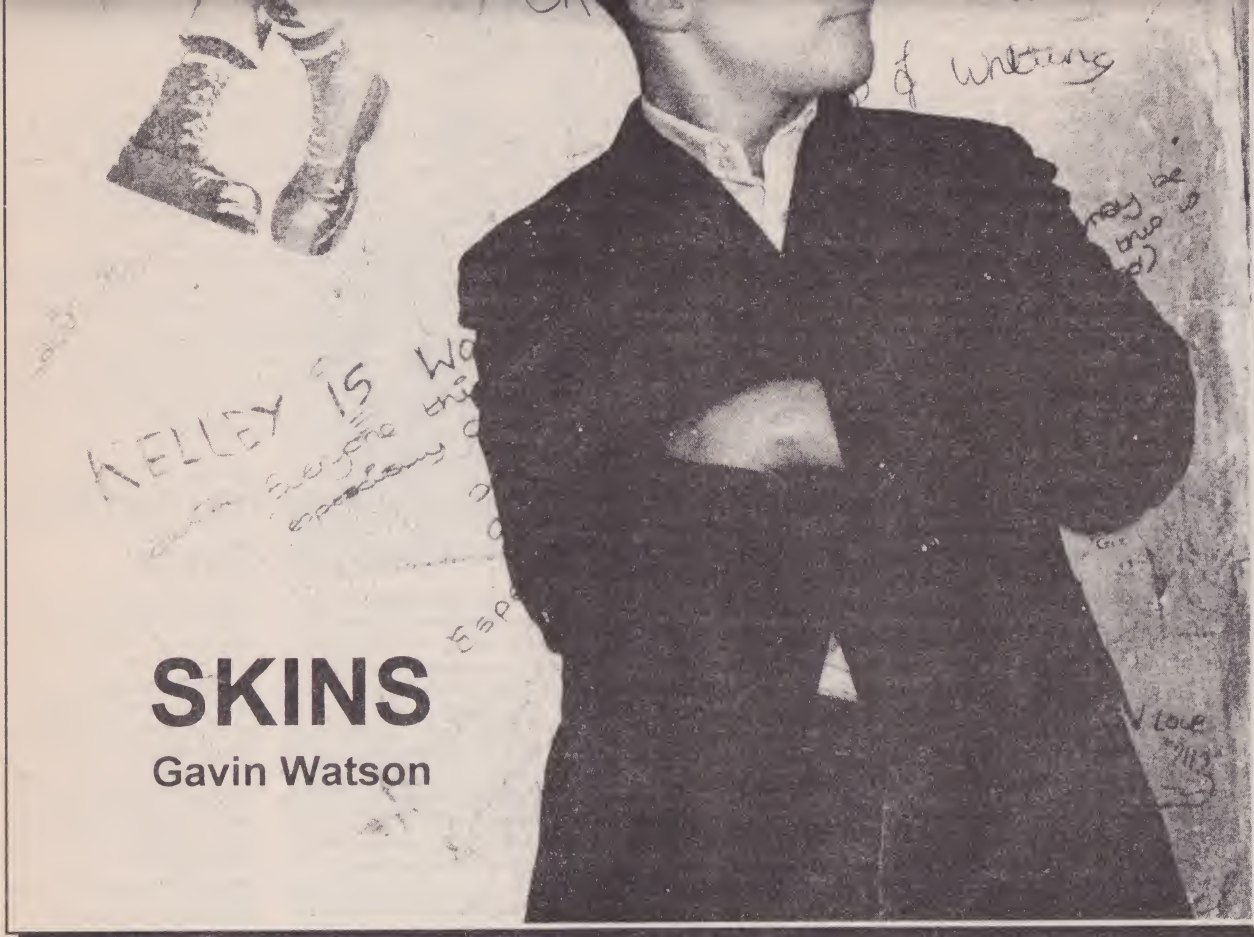
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August 13th, New York City. An incredible 350,000 modern day hippies paid around \$200 each to relive Woodstock, 25 years after the original event had firmly put hippy culture on the map (man). It rained and it rained. And of course, I laughed and I laughed.

Closer still to the Big Apple, the Giants Stadium was packed for three nights of concerts by The Rolling Stones, the granddads of rock who are now just a tired joke. Almost as funny as the mugs who paid good money to watch them and the fools at Woodstock whose only memories will be of the mud and of being ripped off.

The real action that weekend, as any self-respecting skinhead could tell you, was slap bang in the middle of Manhattan at a club called Tramps. A decent enough venue for live music, with a well-stocked, but pricey bar, friendly security and staff. The Business were in town and 500 baldies were there to greet them.

But first, a few words about New York and its skinhead population. Like all cities, there's areas you wouldn't be seen dead in during daytime let alone after dark. Or more to the point, there's areas where you would only be seen dead if you ventured into them. A neon sign in Times Square gives you a running body count of people shot dead so far this year and of the frightening number of guns in circulation. Only in America as they say.

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The other thing you can't fail to notice in New York in the summer is the heat and the incredible humidity. It has to be experienced to be believed, particularly if you come from a country where two days in a row without rain are hailed as a heatwave.

New York itself is a melting pot of nationalities and colours, and the same goes for the skinhead cult there. There are white skins, black skins, oriental skins, Filipino skins, Puerto Rican skins... you name it, and you'll find it in New York. There are some white power skins in New York State, but they tend to stay in their own areas and don't venture into the city itself much.

Most of the time, skinheads can be found hanging about outside Blecker Bob's record store, CBGB's nightclub (spiritual home of NYC hardcore) or wherever anything interesting is happening. On the Sunday following The Business gig, a decent ska outfit called The Slackers played (catch them on Moon's *Skarmageddon* compilation), and there were twice as many skinheads outside the venue as there were punters inside. The reason most skinheads spend so much time hanging about the streets is because the price of beer in pubs and clubs is really high, and it's a lot cheaper buying a few bottles from the local corner shop and sitting outside. You also get a better choice of beer too. Only problem is that it's illegal to drink in the streets - so everyone keeps their beer in the brown bags they come in and keeps their eyes open for passing Old Bill. If you drink in the street you end up pissing in it too - another offence (as my

from Portland found out to his cost).

Anyway, back to the gig. Before The Business came on, there was a chance to catch up with some of America's own breed of Oi! bands. Steve Smith from Red Alert had already told me that the bands were a lot better live than they were on the demos or vinyl currently in circulation, and he was spot on. First up was Battle Cry, a young band made up of 15 and 16 year old skinheads who played a great set, particularly when you consider their experience and age. Then came Vibram 94, who showed real potential, despite the rough edges and the drunken state of the Tasmanian Devil on bass. A band to listen out for.

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Not that it felt like I was thousands of miles from home. There were more West Ham shirts in the audience than you'll find on the pitch at Upton Park. The Rejects have a lot to answer for, they really do. Mind you, the American grasp of football isn't what it should be after the best World Cup since 1970. The Business played two songs attacking Diego Maradona, the familiar *Hand Ball* and *Maradona You're Shit* from the new album, and just afterwards a skinhead came up to me and said, "So why don't they like Madonna?" Why indeed.



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As well as the *Maradona You're Shit* number, The Business also played the title track off their forthcoming album, *Keep The Faith*. Both will no doubt become firm live favourites once the album's out, with the melodies as strong as ever, even if lyrically they didn't carry quite the same weight as previous Business anthems.

Encores over, it was time to move on outside. A bit of trouble kicked off between two groups of skins, and for a few minutes the street played host to a series of running battles. What it was over depended on who you talked to, but the gig itself had been

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The hardcore gig, incidentally, was a sell-out, but the long queue outside contained only a handful of skinheads if it was lucky. Most of the kids standing in line looked like crusty punks. As I sat in a nearby pub, one of the great unwashed told me, "I used to be a skinhead, but now I'm into body-piercing." Only in America.

All in all though, New York City made me proud to be a skinhead. It's a great place and the skinheads are great people. Thanks to everyone who spent time talking and drinking with me. I had a great time, and NYC is a place I'll return to. You've got a scene as good as any I've seen and don't let anyone tell you different.

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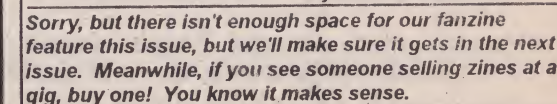
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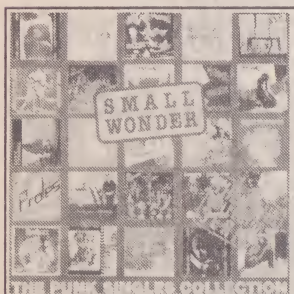
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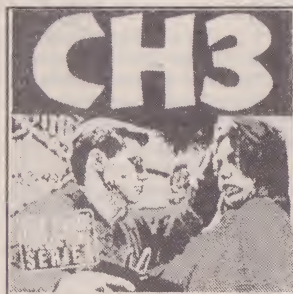
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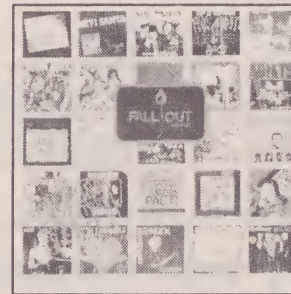
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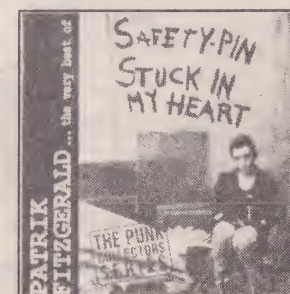
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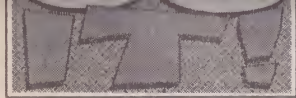
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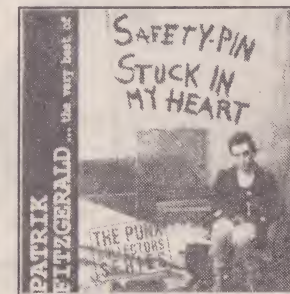
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As a fresh-faced kid of 11 with 50p in my pocket, I often used to travel the few miles from my home in Balham to buy records (usually just the one!) at one or t'other of the Brixton shops. Reaching the counter and being heard above the deafening music was always a bit of a problem though.

Although I'd been a bit too young for the skinheads first time around, I have vague recollections of rubbing shoulders with them from around the time *Israelites* came out. Like many of the original skins, hearing *Israelites* really kicked the whole thing off for me. A year or so later - probably around the late summer of 1970 - a Burmese kid joined my primary school and we soon established a healthy rapport

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Fortunately for me, one of more of the main distributors of reggae, rock steady and ska records had gone out of business in the early '70s, and this provided me with an excellent opportunity to pick up some of the "Burmese" stuff. Tesco's chain of stores'

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Likewise, Woolworth's had also acquired job lots of some of Trojan's discontinued early LPs during 1972. What a field day I had when I picked up lovely unplayed copies of *Duke Reid's Golden Hits* and *Here Comes The Duke* for under a quid. Unfortunately, I'd never heard of The Uniques at the time so I left their *Absolutely* set to gather dust!

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Getting back to the way things were in mid-'71, Dave and Ansell Collins were at the top of the UK charts with *Double Barrel*. Like *Israelites* before it, *Double Barrel* had already been out for six months when it went nationwide, eventually achieving mass popularity through months of exposure in the pubs and clubs. But 1971 was to be the last of the golden years in skinhead reggae terms.

There were some excellent sounds that year. The Wailing Souls' *Mr Fire Coal Man* on Banana, Eric Donaldson's festival winner *Cherry Oh Baby* on Dynamic, Herman Chin-Loy's *To The Fields* on Duke, U Roy's *Tom Drunk* on Duke Reid, and Justin Hinds' *Botheration* among others. More than ever before though, large

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By early '72, cropped hair boots n' braces skins had become a very rare breed indeed. Trojan meanwhile were soon to go on the offensive with their Trojan Appreciation Society. My sub got me a few postcards of Trojan's chart stars, a Judge Dread badge, a hideous "Medallion Man" medallion with the Trojan logo, a Trojan LP and 45 catalogue, and a

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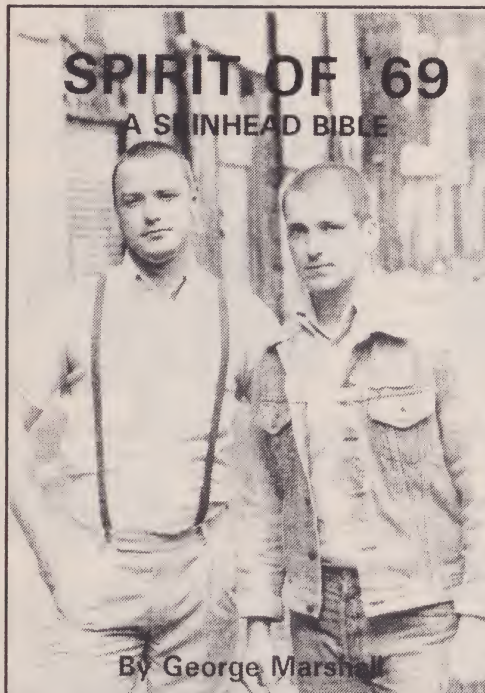
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•We have received a number of complaints about The Official Trojan Appreciation Society (TOTAS) and the fact that people have joined and received nothing or little for their money for the past year or so. We have passed these complaints on to Frank Lea at Trojan who is looking into them, and we hope to be able to tell you more next issue.

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Oi! Is You And Me Winning

BLANK GENERATION

OUT OF MY HEAD

(Hammer for vinyl junkies)
(Dim for CD addicts)

In the last year or so, Wycombe skunk band Blank Generation have really come of age. Their debut single, *Another Victim*, was so much better than previous compilation offerings, and clearly demonstrated that the band had what it takes to go places.

This, their first album, goes a long way to further realising the potential the band obviously has. It contains one short of the dirty dozen tracks, and all are driving Oi! anthems from the Last Resort / Oppressed end of the scale, with the band doing easily enough in the

originality stakes to make them a cut above the also-rans.

High octane stuff it is too, with Ben growling out some well sussed lyrics into the bargain. It's heavy in places, but steers well clear of true heavy rock. Pick of the lot are *Serious Damage*, *Out Of My Head* and *Ain't Life Grand*, and even if the others aren't 100% killer, they're far from filler either. The only thing missing is *Another Victim*, but then again if you had any sense you'd have that in your collection already.

Blank Generation are fast becoming a force to be reckoned with in street punk circles and if they keep progressing like this, any second album will be Premier League material. ****

Oi! Is Having A Laugh And Having A Say

VARIOUS ARTISTS

THE Oi! OF SEX

(Captain Oi!)

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SKARMAGEDDON

(Moon)

As showcases for new talent go, this one will take some beating. 31 up and coming bands from across North America have been crammed on to this two CD set to prove beyond all doubt that ska is very much alive and well in the land of Uncle Sam. You'd be here all day if there was a blow by blow account of every track, and because there is so much to choose from everyone will have their own favourites anyway.

Bands you'll want to hear more of though include Mustard Plug's bill-topping *Mr. Smiley*, The Slackers' mellow *Sister Sister*, MU330, Thumper (best I've heard them), The Pietasters, Gal's Panic, The Arsenals (far from boring) and Skapone. Not surprisingly, a lot of the tracks have that American ska feel which you either love or hate, but rest assured, there is no Mighty Mighty Bosstone crap on here.

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VARIOUS ARTISTS SKA EXPLOSION (Step 1)

Another chance to hear why the ska scene of the late Eighties had so much to offer. The Hotknives, The Potato 5, The Loafers and The DeTones were each superb bands in their own right, and if you didn't catch them live you really did miss

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(Nightmare/Knockout)
Absolutely brilliant album from one of the oldest street punk bands still doing the rounds. After two rock influenced studio albums in a row, this one goes straight back to the band's roots and is arguably the best Red London album of all time. Stand out tracks are *I Never Thought*, *Another Day* and the superb Chelsea cover, *Fools And Soldiers*. A must buy. ****

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RAW RECORDS PUNK SINGLES COLLECTION
(Anagram)
Raw Records were responsible for giving bands like Lockjaw, The

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YESTERDAY'S HEROES
NO GUTS, NO GLORY!
(Spartan Records)
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JIMMY CLIFF
MANY RIVERS TO CROSS
(Trojan)
12 song collection from one of Jamaica's greatest musical talents whose career spans over 30 years, from ghetto stardom with cuts like *King Of Kings* and *Hurricane Hattie*, right through to international acclaim

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VARIOUS ARTISTS
STILL OUT OF FUCKIN' ORDER
(Step 1)
When life starts pissing you off (like every day), just reach for this CD, turn up the volume and give a big fuck off to the world. There's 26 aggro-inducing stormers on here including some real hooligan classics from The 4 Skins, The Oppressed, Blitz and others. There's also a sprinkling of U.S. bands from the Eighties and Brainsdance's appearance with *Paedophile (You're Scum)* shows they can rub shoulders with the best of them. A lot of it you'll probably

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SLIM SMITH & THE UNIKES THE BEST OF THE UNIKES (Trojan)

The slower rhythm of rocksteady allowed far greater scope for vocalists to come into their own, and the finest example of this has to be The Uniques. Slim Smith, Lloyd Tyrell and Jimmy Riley were all established vocalists before coming together as The Uniques in 1967, and for three glorious years they gave rocksteady some of its finest moments. There's no less than 24 tracks on this offering, and every one is a gem in its own right. Tracks like *People Rocksteady*, *Speak No Evil* and *Watch This Sound* deserve regular outings through a speaker near you and the superb sleeve notes make this a must buy package. *****

THE GODFATHER OF SKA!

LAUREL AITKEN
GODFATHER OF SKA
(Gaz's Rockin' Records)

Laurel Aitken is a giant among musical men and is rightly hailed as a hero in skinhead circles in the know. He provided Island Records

Nazis" bullshit, Laurel said loud and proud, "I don't like skinheads at my gigs, I LOVE skinheads at my gigs!"

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VARIOUS ARTISTS SKA EXPLOSION (Step 1)

Another chance to hear why the ska scene of the late Eighties had so much to offer. The Hotknives, The Potato 5, The Loafers and The Deltones were each superb bands in their own right, and if you didn't catch them live you really did miss

RED LONDON LAST ORDERS PLEASE (Nightmare/Knockout)

Absolutely brilliant album from one of the oldest street punk bands still doing the rounds. After two rock influenced studio albums in a row, this one goes straight back to the band's roots and is arguably the best Red London album of all time. Stand out tracks are *I Never Thought*, *Another Day* and the superb Chelsea cover, *Fools And Soldiers*. A must buy. *****

VARIOUS ARTISTS RAW RECORDS PUNK SINGLES COLLECTION (Anagram)

Raw Records were responsible for giving bands like Lockjaw, The

thrash. And despite the hype, punk was never meant to be that bad. Best known band on Raw were The Killjoys who featured well-known grumpy bastard Kevin Rowland who went on to find fame and fortune in Dexy's. Their offerings, including *Naive* and *Johnny Won't Go To Heaven*, together with The Unwanted's *Secret Police* and The Gorillas' monotony breaking *It's My Life* are the only real highlights, in what is really just for the punk collector looking for rare and deleted singles. **

YESTERDAY'S HEROES NO GUTS, NO GLORY! (Spartan Records)

There was a little note tucked in this CD saying "hope it's up to those high British expectations. Maybe you can pretend it's from London

notes we like to see shipped into CDs are of the ten pound variety. Anyway, Nevada's finest are back with a ten track CD which shows a lot of improvement, thanks to better use of the studio and stronger vocals. Again, it's not breathtaking stuff, but the band are developing a distinct sound away from your basic Oi! by numbers offerings, and this works a treat on cuts like *Russian Roulette* and *Yesterdays*. *** (Spartan Records, P.O. Box 90222, Henderson, NV, 89009-0222. USA)

JIMMY CLIFF MANY RIVERS TO CROSS (Trojan)

12 song collection from one of Jamaica's greatest musical talents whose career spans over 30 years, from ghetto stardom with cuts like *King Of Kings* and *Hurricane Hattie*, right through to international acclaim

chart success, *Vietnam*, when Cliff himself took into the charts, and the title track of his debut album, *Hard Road To Travel*, which Island released back in '68. ***

VARIOUS ARTISTS STILL OUT OF FUCKIN' ORDER (Step 1)

When life starts pissing you off (like every day), just reach for this CD, turn up the volume and give a big fuck off to the world. There's 26 aggro-inducing stormers on here including some real hooligan classics from The 4 Skins, The Oppressed, Blitz and others. There's also a sprinkling of U.S. bands from the Eighties and Braindance's appearance with *Paedophile (You're Scum)* shows they can rub shoulders with the best of them. A lot of it you'll probably

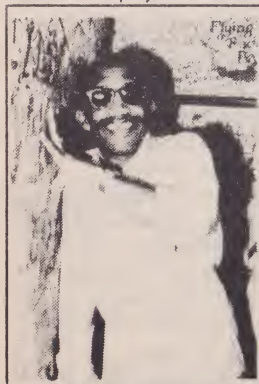
SLIM SMITH & THE UNIKUES THE BEST OF THE UNIKUES (Trojan)

The slower rhythm of rocksteady allowed far greater scope for vocalists to come into their own, and the finest example of this has to be The Unikues. Slim Smith, Lloyd Tyrell and Jimmy Riley were all established vocalists before coming together as The Unikues in 1967, and for three glorious years they gave rocksteady some of its finest moments. There's no less than 24 tracks on this offering, and every one is a gem in its own right. Tracks like *People Rocksteady*, *Speak No Evil* and *Watch This Sound* deserve regular outings through a speaker near you and the superb sleeve notes make this a must buy package. *****

THE GODFATHER OF SKA!

LAUREL AITKEN GODFATHER OF SKA (Gaz's Rockin' Records)

Laurel Aitken is a giant among musical men and is rightly hailed as a hero in skinhead circles in the know. He provided Island Records with its first release, helped launch Blue Beat in the UK with Boogie Rock, and went on to further success in the skinhead reggae era with cuts like *Skinhead Train* and *Pussy Price*. And to this day he packs out the clubs wherever he plays.



To underline his love of our cult, at the height of the media's 'all skinheads are

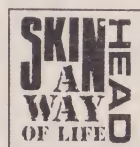
Nazis" bullshit, Laurel said loud and proud, "I don't like skinheads at my gigs, I LOVE skinheads at my gigs!"

This compilation, with its highly informative 12 page booklet on Laurel's career, brings together no less than 21 tracks from the Aitken vaults 1962-66. This is ska at its most authentic, jerky, chugging, infectious best, and digs up many a forgotten great from his days with labels like R&B, Ska Beat, Giant and Rio. *Shake* is a blinding opener, mixing the sounds of Jamaica with Laurel's native Cuba, and urging everyone to do the calypso ska. *Ring Don't Mean A Thing* is another show-stopper that to my shame I was hearing for the first time. Add to that *Let My People Go*, *Call The Doctor*, *Street Of Glory*, and *Bag-A-Boo* and you have one hell of an album.

In fact Gaz Mayall's choice of tracks is faultless and if ska is your poison, you'll enjoy overdosing on this offering from the label with the finest stable. Life just doesn't come any sweeter. *****

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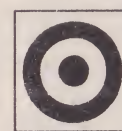
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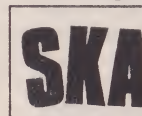
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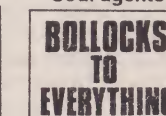
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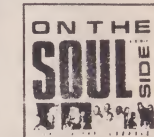
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OXYMORON
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(Oxyfactory / Helen Of Oi!)

Originally released on the band's own Oxyfactory label in a colour sleeve, Helen Of Oi! have put this four track offering out too in their now familiar black and white fold-out sleeve. The in and at 'em title track and the anthemic *Dead End Generation* are the pick of the lot on this spirited slab of street punk ***

(Oxyfactory, c/o Kicki Weysers, Frauenaucherstr. 8, 91056 Erlausen Germany)

THE SUSSED
NO ESCAPE
(Sta Press)

First time I heard of this Pittsburgh Oi! band was when this single arrived. A pretty bog standard offering, complete with gruff vocals, although it bodes well for the future. Pick of the four tracks is probably *Toy Soldiers*. **

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Native language three track offering in a great sleeve and complete with English-French lyric sheet. Not a classic, but The Herberts are improving with every release as both the title track and *Hais Et Fiers!* (*Hated And Proud!*) clearly demonstrate. ***

(Bleach Records, BP 6151, 14065 Caen Cedex France)

SKINNERBOX NYC
SUNKEN TREASURE
(Stubborn Records)

Four song EP from a band who run the gauntlet of JA music to serve up a varied offering from roots to dancehall, but it will have limited appeal in skinhead and ska circles. Talented bunch all the same. **

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copy anyway). The vocalist could do with clearing his throat too. ****

DISTORTION
BULLY BOY
(Helen Of Oi!)

If this band went any faster, they'd be done for speeding, but they still manage to prevent this four track offering deteriorating into thrash punk thanks to decent lyrics and strong melodies. *Bully Boy* and *Clepto* stand out without blowing you away. ***

STARS & STRIPES
DROP THE BOMB
(Vulture Rock)

Not only does this release come on blue vinyl, but the sleeve is done in black, white and a very classy metal blue as well. Musically, it's good stuff it is too with both *Drop The Bomb* and the flipside, *Time To Live*, both well worth adding to any street punk collection. ****

(Vulture Rock, P.O. Box 40687, Albuquerque, NM 87196 USA)

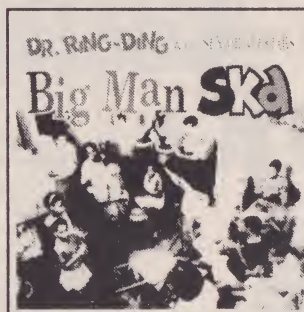
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(Grover)



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FUCK UPS
AL'S MY PAL
(Jala Records)

Four track EP that includes covers of Sham's, *Borstal Breakout* and Sparrer's *Watch Your Back*, but the real show stealer is *Sweet Little Meat O'Mine* complete with castrated backing vocals. Pick of the street punk releases and a band who should record a full-length album pronto. ****

(Kjetil Gulli, St. Halvards Pl. 2, 0192 Oslo Norway)

CAPO REGIME
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TOLBIAC
ET ILS PASSAIENT ...
(Tolbac)

Tolbiac's Toads were one of France's first Oi! bands, with their debut EP having come out over ten years ago. Now they're back with a shorter name, and a two track 7" that has a pop Oi! feel to it. Lots of urgency and obvious talent make it worth tracking down, particularly if you speak French. ***

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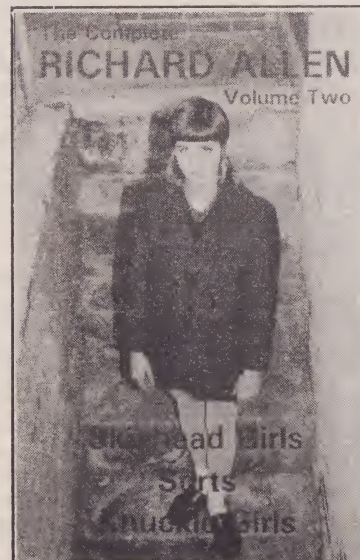
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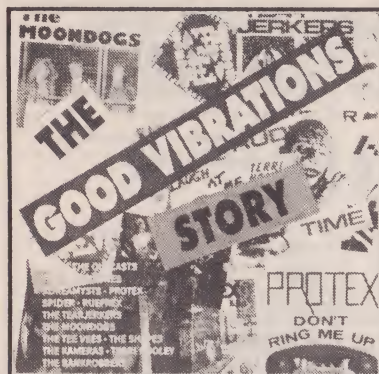
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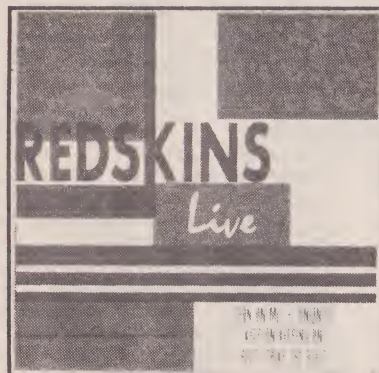
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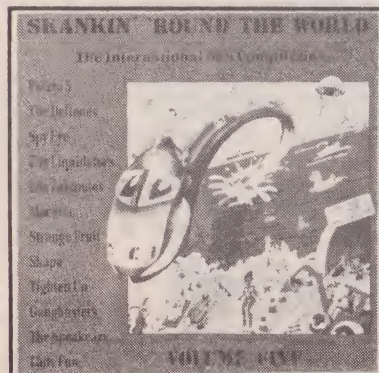


VARIOUS ARTISTS "THE GOOD VIBRATIONS STORY"

(DOJO CD 180)
21 track compilation featuring tracks from The Undertones, Rudi, Ruefex, The Moondogs and The Outcasts. The package features a full label discography and detailed sleeve notes by label boss Terri Hooley.

THE REDSKINS "LIVE"

(DOJO CD 188)
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(DOJO CD 190)
Classic Unicorn compilation back in the racks featuring The Deltones and Potato 5 from the UK, America's Gangbusters and Liquidators plus Italy's top ska acts Spy Eye and Strange Fruit.

STEADY EARNEST "OUT OF LINE"

(DOJO CD 197)
13 track debut album from Boston's USA's "All star ska band" featuring vocalist Dan Vitale from Bim Skala Bim as well as members from American acts like The Hi-Hats, Maelstrom, Dig This and Ska'd For Life. The track "Out Of Line" is featured in the recent American cult smash film "The Return Of Shred-i".

ANGELIC UPSTARTS "BOMBED OUT"

(DOJO CD 198)

ANOTHER MAN'S POISON HOWSA 'BOUT THAT?

(Helen Of Oi!)
For my money, the best of the new breed of Oi! bands and this, their debut album on 10" coloured vinyl, adds more weight to that claim. Here's ten tracks of frantic melodic Oi!, including the outstanding title track, *Selling Out*, *Greed Surrounds* and *The Spirit Of Bobby Moore*. Classy stuff and only inches away from joining the likes of The Business and Sparrer. * * * *

VARIOUS ARTISTS THE BLACK ALBUM

(Trojan)
A dozen Beatles songs given the reggae treatment by the likes of John Holt, Joyce Bond and Marcia Griffiths. One for Fab Four devotees rather than skinhead reggae fans methinks. * * * *

MENACE
GLC RIP - BEST OF MENACE (Captain Oi!)
Menace, who were formed in '77 and always enjoyed a healthy skinhead bootboy following, are one of the street punk bands who laid the foundations for Oi! to come along. This collection is packed with shoutalong punk classics like *I'm Civilised*, *Live For Today*, *Last's Years Youth* and *GLC*, a song which earned them both radio and gig bans. Criminally underrated by many, loved by those in the know. * * * *

VARIOUS ARTISTS SKANKIN' ROUND THE WORLD VOL. 5

(Dojo)
This, the last volume of the late Unicorn's *Skankin'* compilation series, contains some great songs. The Liquidators' *Riches To Rags*, will blow you away after just one outing, and the Potato 5 are their usual brilliant selves. But as the album progresses, and you get to bands like The Gangbusters and The Latenotes, you begin to see how a great ska scene was beginning to deteriorate into sad blandness by 1990. * * * *

THE GUITAR GANGSTERS
POWER CHORDS FOR ENGLAND (Anagram)
A brand new studio album and the band's third and best to date, but still most people know the name without knowing the music. For the uninitiated, The Guitar Gangsters play

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This issue's pick of the releases

perhaps one or two others, mediocrity is the name of the game. Shame really because it comes with a great eight page booklet and decent sleeve. * * *

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VARIOUS WELL TALENTED ARTISTS
THE UNITED KINGDOM OF PUNK AND OI!
(Step 1)
Anyone who thinks punk and Oi! are dead should pull their head out of their arsehole and get an earful of this. There's some great bands on this and the quality and energy never let up. *Opposition* from *Opposition* comes roaring out of the speakers to kick things off. Add that to their other offering *Bastard*, and you get a band going places. Other bands worth listening out for are The Cho-Zen, X-Axis, The Stray Dogs and Sad Society with their Advert-like *Don't Care*. * * * *

ARTHUR KAY & THE ORIGINALS
RARE 'N' TASTY / SPARKES OF INSPIRATION (Dojo)
These two albums on one CD releases are always going to represent value for money. Arthur Kay & The Originals were unsung heroes of the 2 Tone days, as the likes of *Ska Wars* and *Watching The Rich Kids* testify, but they also didn't get the credit they deserved for their first genuine studio

the man isn't. Check him out on a compilation first before investing here. * * *



THE OPPRESSED WE CAN DO ANYTHING

(Step 1)
Three Moreno brothers, Roddy, Dom and Adrian, make up The Oppressed these days, and ten years after calling it a day, they are back with a bang. This album is actually a tribute to bands that originally inspired The Oppressed and contains four covers a piece from the Rejects, Sham 69, the Resort and The 4 Skins. So you get to hear the likes of *Borstal Breakout*, and *Evil Oppressed*-style. In most cases they sound as good as the



"BOMBED OUT"

(DOJO CD 198)

10 track album recorded in 1991 features the return of the band's original guitarist and songwriter Mond. Two tracks also feature original drummer Decca Wade.

JUDGE DREAD

"LEGEN. JUDGE DREAD VOLS 1 & 2"

(LOMA CD 19)

23 track CD featuring the hit singles "Big 6", "Je T'Aime", "Jamaica Jerk Off", "Up With The Cock", "Big Eight" and "Y Viva Suspenders"

THE BUSINESS

"SUBURBAN REBELS"/

"WELCOME TO THE REAL WORLD"

(LOMA CD 32)

25 track CD featuring classic Business singles "Harry May" and "Drinking And Driving" plus the Oil anthem "Suburban Rebels". Also included is the single "Do A Runner".

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"RARE 'N' TASTY"/

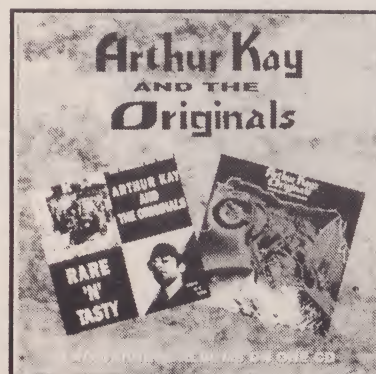
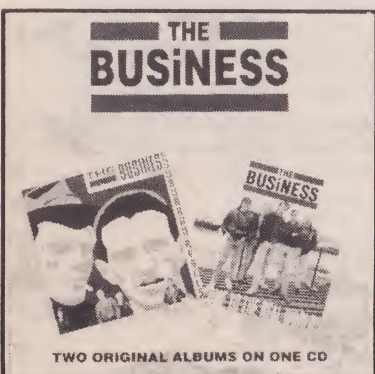
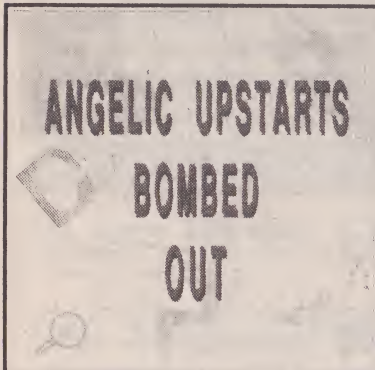
"SPARKES OF INSPIRATION"

(LOMA CD 33)

18 track CD featuring classics like "South London Boy", "Limehouse Lady" and a ska version of The Last Resort's Oil classic "King Of The Jungle".

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band's third and best to date, but still most people know the name without knowing the music. For the uninitiated, The Guitar Gangsters play power pop punk, not a million miles away from The Jam, Bragg and Co. *Bitter Sweet But True* and *Strange Kind Of Love* are just two of eight or nine really good songs on here. Paul Weller should step in and give them the leg up and support slot they deserve. Then again, they might just blow him away. ****

VARIOUS ARTISTS

WE DON'T SKARE!

(Le Silence De La Rue)

Compilations are a great way of getting to hear a lot of new bands, but too many of the bands on here are just making up the numbers. It's all pleasant enough, but it doesn't even come alive until Germany's Ngobo Ngobo hit you with (ironically enough) *Hello Everybody*. Too Hot's *Grandad* stands head and shoulders above the others, and apart from Skarface and

Watching *The Rich Kids* testify, but they also didn't get the credit they deserved for their first genuine studio album, *Sparkes Of Inspiration* which came out in the late Eighties. It includes a ska version of the Resort's *King Of The Jungle* as well as others like *Lonely Street* and *Limehouse Lady* that are just as good. Definitely worth having if your ska collection doesn't have the vinyl versions. ****

PATRIK FITZGERALD

SAFETY PIN STUCK THROUGH MY HEART

(Anagram)

This isn't going to be everyone's cup of tea, but Patrik Fitzgerald does prove that punk was about more than gobbling and swearing. Most of the tracks here feature just his voice and his five string acoustic guitar (the informative sleeve notes tell the story behind this), and although tracks like *Irrelevant Battles* and *Little Dippers* have a certain attraction, a Bob Dylan

Resort and The 4 Skins. So you get to hear the likes of *Borstal Breakout*, and *Evil Oppressed-style*. In most cases they sound as good as the original, and arguably better in places. In theory it's a good idea (although I can't imagine any new band getting a deal on the strength of an album full of covers so don't try it at home kids), but it loses a lot of its impact because the original versions are so readily available. ***

CHRON GEN

THE BEST OF ...
(Captain Oi!)

26 tracks in all, that show the progress made by Chron Gen (short for Chronic Generation) as time went on. In punk terms, they fall somewhere between The Buzzcocks and The Exploited. *Clouded Eyes* and *Outlaw* show them at their best, with their refusal to go all out for speed allowing the lyrics a chance to thrive. ***

VIDEOS

THE ADICTS

LET'S GO

(Visionary)

Another "wide angle" release that captures live footage of The Adicts during the early Eighties. It starts off looking like a pirate copy with The Adicts on stage in Blackpool, but the sounds okay. The quality improves by the time the band are on stage six months later in Bradford, but again only one camera is used and it rarely leaves Monkey so you see little of the rest of the band and virtually nothing of the crowd. The highlights come at the end, with promos for the early Ants-like *Joker In The Pack*, and the classic *Viva La Revolution*. Both cut live footage of the band at London's 100 Club, with them pissing about in the streets and Monkey talking about what punk means. One for the Addicted only. **

SCUM

(Polygram)

The 1979 feature film, *Scum*, is right up there with *A Clockwork Orange* and *Quadrophenia* in the youth cult stakes. It's a brutal, violent story of life inside the old borstal system, where juvenile criminals too young for prison ended up. The main character Carlin gets transferred to this particular borstal for attacking a prison warden, and he soon realises that the only way to survive is to hit out and beat the system at its own game. The survival of the fittest and all that. It's a film they

tried to ban, and last year the original play version was broadcast on British TV for the first time, after years of being refused permission. This uncut version (not that I noticed any extra bits) is now out on video, and what's more it's selling for around a fiver in the big record chains here. If you've seen it, you'll know how powerful a film it is. If you haven't, you'll love it. *****

VARIOUS ARTISTS

SKA EXPLOSION 2

(Visionary)

If the truth be known, the British ska scene of the late Eighties was every bit as special as the 2 Tone world that went before it. Probably more so. Only it never got the seal of approval from the mainstream media. Still, how many of the trendy bands of the time would have filled London's Astoria? Very few.

The Hotknives open this second video from the Ska Explosion gig. They always looked more like a pub football team than a band, but why they weren't massive must be the ninth wonder of the world. Then comes The Deltones, an all girl band with a token male drummer, with their own brand of bubblegum ska (*Saturday* comes straight out of a 1950s jukebox), and they are followed by young pups The Loafers, most of whom were still at school when their debut album came out (bar old man Sean Flowerdew of course who is the only living ska fan to remember Queen Victoria). Laurel Aitken joins them on stage for *Sally Brown* (yeah, it's his song, not Manners) and The Potato 5 round of a glorious night. Judge Dread even pops up twice too to keep the crowd happy between bands. All in a great way of remembering a great night. ****

VARIOUS ARTISTS

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN Oi! VOL. 2 (GMM Records)

More hard hitting tunes from Uncle Sam's. The 19 bands on offer make this the most comprehensive look at American Oi! to date and one definitely worth checking out. The problem in the past, has been American Oi!'s association, rightly and wrongly depending on the band, with hardcore, but there's none of that here. Just rough and tumble street punk from the likes of The Rogues and their opening track *Get Out Alive*, through Oi! The Anonymous (Oi! the yank poet?) to Those Unknown's angry *No Rhyme No Reason*. Plenty of other bands (Pist 'N' Broke for one) deserve mentions in dispatches, but why a long list of name-dropping when you'd be better of hearing it for yourself. Not the best quality sleeve we've seen all year, but you get all the lyrics and photos of the bands. The queue to check out American Oi! starts here. ****

(GMM, P.O. Box 15234, Atlanta, GA 15234 USA)

THE SKUNKS

MIXED NUTS (Moon)

More than 100% ska the sleeve says, but that's not really the case. There's plenty of brass and the offbeat is almost ever-present, but it's more silk than syrup and so you're left with a lightweight sound that passes for ska these days, but is more a derivative. *Zamboni* is more big band swing than anything else, and the whole album has a sort of jazz beatnik feel to it, right down to a version of the *Odd Couple* theme tune. Vocalist Steve Orders has a great soul voice and that together with the ska version of The Village People's YMCA give the album more appeal. ***

THE REDSKINS

LIVE (Dojo)

A superb band captured live complete with *The Power Is Yours, Lean On Me, Kick Over The Statues* and *Take No Heroes*. More soul, less dole was their battle cry, and you don't have to support the Student Wankers Party to agree with that. ***

Tomorrow The World

VARIOUS ARTISTS

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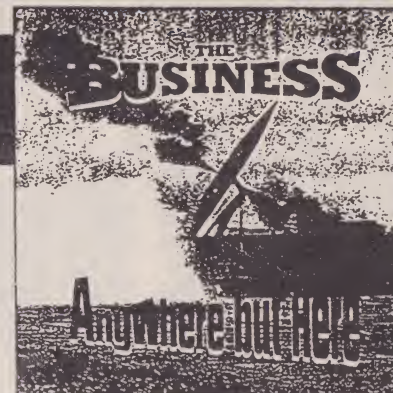
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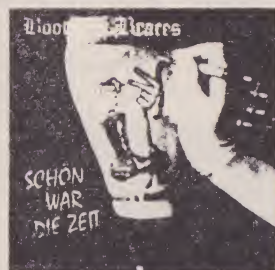
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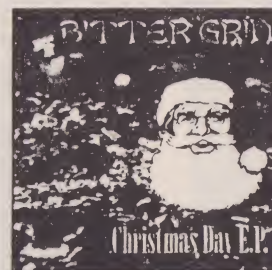
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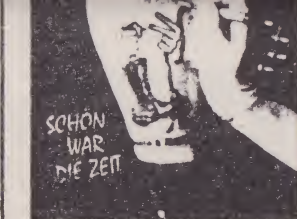


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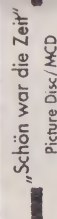
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VICIOUS RUMOURS ANYTIME DAY OR NIGHT! (Captain Oi!)

Long since deleted and now hard to find debut album from the Rumours who specialised in havin' a laugh style Oi! And good stuff it is too. *Long Time No See*, *Soul Patrol* and *This Is Your Life* are the band at their best. * * *

REMENCES NO TARRONSIS (Capita Swing)

Seven track cassette only release (but very professionally done). Remences follow in the tradition of other great Spanish street punk bands like Zakarrak. I've no idea what they're on about, but all the



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(Fortuna Fats)

THE MUDSHARKS CRACKIN' PORCELAIN (One Wipe/Moon)

Originally released on the band's own One Wipe label, Moon have stepped in to give The Mudsharks wider exposure. This isn't traditional ska or even 2 Tone ska, but it's certainly at the better end of modern ska. Here's a band that drag in other influences, most notably rap, and get clean away with it. Check out *Listen Up* and *Swag Bag* if you want to know how it's done. And while you're at it, listen to the great laid back reggae number, *She's Leaving Town*. * * *

Running is a great song to open with, and from then on in, the band don't put a foot wrong. There's even a reworking of Prince Buster's *Take It Easy*. Keep an eye on them because they could be huge. * * *

THE 4 SKINS A FEW 4-SKINS MORE (Step 1)

This 25 track offering actually contains two albums, *The Good*, *The Bad & The 4 Skins* and *A Fistful Of . . .* (minus three tracks because of space restrictions). Both were recorded after vocalist Gary Hodges had left the band, and feature Panther and then Roi from the Resort on vocals respectively. Loads of good stuff here including the Madness double-take *Plastic Gangsters* (with manager Gary Hitchcock on vocals), live versions of *Chaos* and *ACAB*, and *Johnny Go Home*. Includes decent sleeve notes by Garry Fielding. * * *

THE ANGELIC UPSTARTS POWER OF THE PRESS (Step 1)

THE ANGELIC UPSTARTS BOMBED OUT (Dojo)

When the Upstarts kicked their way into the music world, their brand of punk was called "thug rock" and they were branded Nazis. By the time they had recorded *The Power Of The Press* for Gas, they played pop punk and were the darlings of the left. Funny old world really. Oi! it ain't, but you'll be hard pushed to find a more powerful song than *Soldier* in these pages, and it's that and the likes of *I Stand Accused* that make this a decent enough album, although the pretentious pop of *Brighton Bomb* and others spoils it. * * *

Bombed Out saw the return of Mond Cowie to the Upstarts fold, and he injects more energy into proceedings. *Albert's Gotta Gun* is reality punk at its best, and there's other good stuff on here for Upstarts fans old and new, including a dose of Mensi poetry courtesy of *Proud & Loud*. Helpful sleeve notes too. * * *

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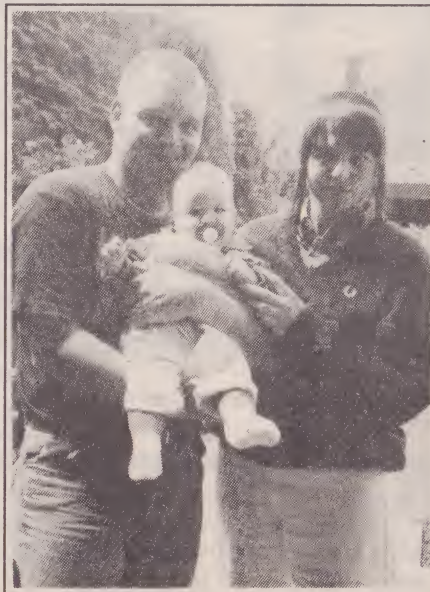


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Competition Corner

First of all, the winners of the Klasse Kriminale / Ragazzi Sono Innocenti albums were **Graham Hook** from Scotland, **Aaron Hendrix** from USA, **Thomas Christmann** from Germany and **Francois Lagrange** in France. Thanks a lot to Marco for the albums. The four winners should get their copies with this issue. If they don't, they should moan a lot.

We've three competitions this issue. You can enter one of them, two of them or all three. If you want to enter more than one, you can send your answers together in the same envelope or on the same postcard. No problem there.

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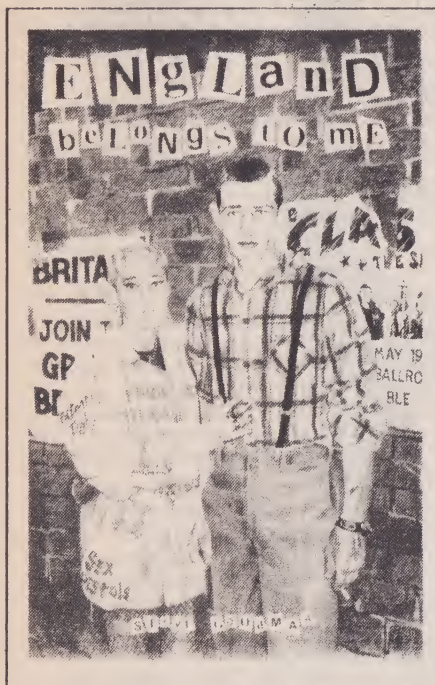
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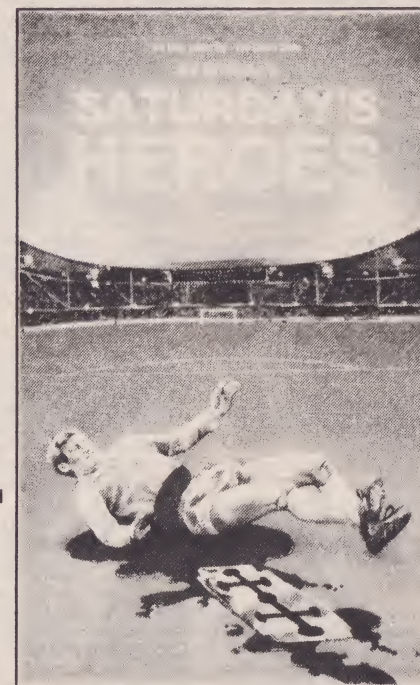
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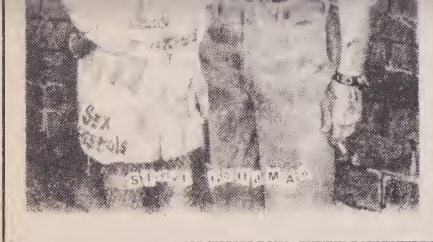
Fibbers bar was full of former skins and punks who had once doted on the lads from Hersham. When Jimmy and the band began their set, it was like being back in the good old days. The crowd were ecstatic and so were the band. The classics got the best response with *Hurry Up Harry* and *If The Kids Are United* going down a treat. Then it happened. Much drink had been downed and if the songs were blasts from the past, so was the behaviour too. Some

MADNESS

Finsbury Park, London, England.

To be honest, I'd rather leave gigs in fields to the hippies and Finsbury Park isn't the best place to see Madness. The dream would be for them to return to the more personal atmosphere of small, sweaty clubs, but seeing as that isn't going to happen, Madstock it is. Nice touch all the security being from Glasgow too.

Like the majority of the crowd who were there to see just one band, the support acts didn't mean much to me. The Buzzcocks were supposedly okay if you like that sort of thing, Ian Dury & The Blockheads are always good and Aswad went down better than most imagined, but I was too busy trying to get a drink out of the slowest bar staff known to mankind. Ordering a round was a nightmare. Ask for more than three drinks and the poor girl had to go away for a lie down. Stupid cow. I mean, fuck all the yuppie talk about Madstock being "Happy Vibe Central" (copyright of



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DYNAMIC PRESSURE

Santa Barbara, California, USA

After hearing many good things about this Santa Barbara rocksteady band, I finally got a chance to see them myself and was greatly impressed. They played a great set of originals as well as sharp covers such as Harry J All Stars' *Liquidator* and Prince Buster's *Hypocrites*. The keyboard player was brilliant with his gigantic smooth sounding organ. If you can't catch them live, grab their four track demo from Dan

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NEW ZEALAND SKA FESTIVAL

Auckland, New Zealand

A good sized cross-section of punters shuffled into The Gluepot early and headed straight for the beer taps. After the obligatory sound check, Looney Tunes came on to set the standard for the night.

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ANOTHER SHAMBLES

SHAM 69

York, England

Fibbers bar was full of former skins and punks who had once doted on the lads from Hershham. When Jimmy and the band began their set, it was like being back in the good old days. The crowd were ecstatic and so were the band. The classics got the best response with *Hurry Up Harry* and *If The Kids Are United* going down a treat. Then it happened. Much drink had been downed and if the songs were blasts from the past, so was the behaviour too. Some arsehole started throwing bottles at the group, with a raving Jimmy screaming, "It's just like 15 years ago!". The group tried to continue, but the trouble got worse with the odd scrap breaking out in the crowd. Pursey stormed off the stage, left the venue and went to York city centre where, it is said by reliable sources, he was involved in a fight in a pub later that night. Oh well, nothing ever change, oh no, nothing ever change. Paul Williams.

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MADNESS

Finsbury Park, London, England.

To be honest, I'd rather leave gigs in fields to the hippies and Finsbury Park isn't the best place to see Madness. The dream would be for them to return to the more personal atmosphere of small, sweaty clubs, but seeing as that isn't going to happen, Madstock it is. Nice touch all the security being from Glasgow too.

Like the majority of the crowd who were there to see just one band, the support acts didn't mean much to me. The Buzzcocks were supposedly okay if you like that sort of thing, Ian Dury & The Blockheads are always good and Aswad went down better than most imagined, but I was too busy trying to get a drink out of the slowest bar staff known to mankind. Ordering a round was a nightmare. Ask for more than three drinks and the poor girl had to go away for a lie down. Stupid cow. I mean, fuck all the yuppie talk about Madstock being "Happy Vibe Central" (copyright of NME) and whacky workers co-ops giving all the beer profits to saving gay whales and the like. Just get your arse in gear and get me a beer!

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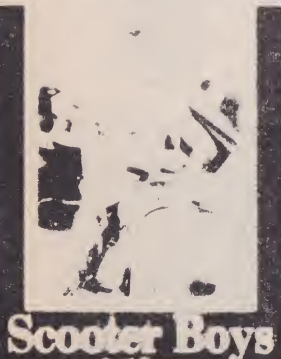
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Next up were the incredible Hepcat. They played some songs off their *Out Of Nowhere* CD as well as some excellent new stuff and covers like the Wailing Wailers *Mr Talkative* and a brilliant *Shame And Scandal*. These guys are amazing. They dressed sharp, danced sharp and played as sharp as ever. Unfortunately, there set was really short and they left a lot of people still screaming for more. And to top the evening off it was the legendary Skatalites. The packed dancefloor moved and skanked as they were charmed by these superb musicians. *Guns Of Navarone* sounded fantastic, as did *Man In The Street*. They played a lot of material from their *Skavooeee* CD, and later slowed things down with some rock steady and reggae before storming back with some more brilliant ska. Highlight of the evening was a Jamaican lady called Doreen S. (I hope that's right, but the beer in my system might have been playing tricks with my ears!) whose voice and smile had the whole crowd eating out of her hand. *Rebunol* closed a perfect night, and as people walked out into the warm Californian night (What? You bastards even get warm nights? - Ed), everyone was as content as could be.

DYNAMIC PRESSURE

Santa Barbara, California, USA
After hearing many good things about this Santa B rocksteady band, I finally got a chance to see them myself and was greatly impressed. They played a great set of originals as well as sharp covers such as Harry J All Stars' *Liquidator* and Prince Buster's *Hypocrites*. The keyboard player was brilliant with his gigantic smooth sounding organ. If you can't catch them live, grab their four track demo from Dan Boer, 536 W Victoria #B, Santa Barbara, CA 93101, USA.
Ryan White
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One Flag. Two great live bands, but the question is, does Cast Iron only own one pair of jeans?
Jörg Phillip

A WHOLE LOTTA SKANKIN' GOING ON!

NEW ZEALAND SKA FESTIVAL

Auckland, New Zealand

A good sized cross-section of punters shuffled into The Gluepot early and headed straight for the beer taps. After the obligatory sound check, Looney Tunes came on to set the standard for the night. This eight piece, with an almost all-female line-up, warmed up everyone with a good set of tight originals and some blazing covers. *Message To You Rudy*, *My Girl Lollipop* and The Stray Cats' *Ubangi Stomp* got good treatment. Next up were Skatilor, opening up a punchy set with some steamroller rhythms. Some good stage presence here and a Bodysnatchers sound, with lead singer Lise sounding like The Selecter's Pauline Black.

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I knew this was to be a night to remember and I was right. Next up were *Lorraine*, *Return Of The Ugly* and *Sally Brown*. The whole place was jumping and there was a great atmosphere about the place. Footie casuals with La Coste jackets on were dancing arm in arm with booted up skins. One casual, with a centre parting hairdo, knew every word to every song (including *Feel Like Jumping!*). Even the bouncers were dancing to hit tunes like *Special Brew*, *My Girl Lollipop* and *Just A Feeling*. The chaps finished their one hour set with *Walking In The Sunshine*, *Feel Like Jumping* and *Buona Sera*. Then the audience called them back for an encore. *Lip Up Fatty*, *Skinhead Girl*, *This Is Ska* and *Can Can*. The final whistle went and everyone went home sweaty, knackered and happy. Long live Bad Manners!
Dell.

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*Lorraine, happy now? Dave XXX.
 *Wanted. Info on suedehead style, music, clothes and any photos or cuttings. Keith Haist, 1525 Nichol Ave #205, Whitby, ON L1N 8R5. Canada.
 *Two American skingirls from San Diego would like penpals from everywhere. Into Oil, beer and tattoos. Send letters and photos to Dominique & Paige, 1707 Via Alegre, Escondido, CA 92027. USA.
 *Wanted. British Oil records from the 80's esp. 4 Skins, Rejects, Cock Sparrer, Combat '84, The Crack. Send your list to Stephen Poullain, La Cambuse, 14690 Pont D'Ouilly, France. (E, F)
 *Oil, punk and ska records for sale. Are you missing something from your collection? Maybe I can help. Send wants list to Andy Munro, 150 Charlemont Rd, East Ham, London. E6 4HE. England.
 *Oil Oil Skinhead. US Marine stationed in Japan wants skins and skinhead girls to correspond with from all over the world Anderson CP 128802627, 3rd CEB Supt Co, Unit # 36410, FPO AP 96602-6410. USA.
 *Hello from Templar Phil to Ray, Ulrich, Perry, Vincent and Philippe, Dave and AJ, Carl, Ivano and Dom, Jäsä an Kalle, Tim Paine, Steve and Tony, and last but not least Grandmaster Hugh De Payens.
 *Wanted, Beat Boys In The Jet Age LP by Lambrettas and any singles of Timi Yuro or other northern soul stars. Bonesso Stephane, Quartier Balejon, 31160 Aspet, France (E,F).
 *Thanks to the Sthlm Smart Skins with their leader Botos who shows Sweden that the true skinhead cult lives. Fuck the boneheads! From the old fat one, E-tuna.
 *21 year old skinhead into ska, skinhead reggae and old hardcore would like to receive photos of skinhead girls from anywhere. Mike, 4143 Baldwin Ave, El Monte, CA 91731. USA.
 *Wanted! The American issues of the following Beat CDs - I Just Can't Stop It, Wha'ppen, Special Beat Service and What Is Beat. Send price list to Mark Barrett, 47 Stokesley Rd, Marton, Middlesbrough, Cleveland. TS7 8DT. UK.
 *Naomi - I miss you and love you more than anything - Dave.
 *The Templar Hordes need fanatics for their crusade of Oil. P.O. Box 602, Bayshore, New York 11706-0660. USA. Only non-political knights and maidens need apply.
 *My name is Peter, 31 years old, and I'm interested in Jamaican ska, rock steady

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 *Looking for skinheads and skingirls in the Edmonton, Canada, area. No boneheads, nazis or losers. Write to J.M., 13336 Earl Ave, Baldwin Park, CA 91706. USA.
 *A big drunken hello to all the bootboys of Hannover, Hildesheim, Kiel, Nienburg, Goslar, Wolfsburg, Bamberg and Lichtenfels. Special regards to Soberphobia skins, Kiddy, Melanie, Britta, Kirsten and Paul! Yours "Springer".
 *Oil! Worldwide skins. DE skin lost in the sticks of Smyrna looking for mates or lasses to write to, exchange photos, etc., Please no SHARPs! Anyone want to start a zine? Joe De Lorenzo Jr, R.D. 1, Box762, Clayton, DE 19938. USA.
 *To Matt Gready. You're the best looking skin in Weston and you've made me the happiest girl. Love you loads, Rebecca.
 *Spanish language fanzine - WPF. Costs Europe £1.50 / 3DM (Or \$1 + 1IRC) or to the USA \$3. WPF, Apartado 35, 40450 Nava de la Asuncion, Segovia, Spain. (E, F, S)
 *Skinheads get ready! Here come the Toughskins soon to be released on Southern California's new home for Oil and street punk. Send SASE for gig info and release dates. Other bands please send your demo tapes! Headkicker Records, P.O. Box 221, Riverside, CA 92502. USA.
 *For sale. Ben Sherman, Brutus, Arnold Palmer, tonic jacket, shoes and boots and records. Send IRC or stamps for full list. Heather Johnson, Dorfstr. 10, 06895 Bossdorf. Germany.
 *Dee And Stan (Brighton). Nice to meet you at Madness. Keep the faith and the contact. From Karen and Suzanne (Aylesbury)
 *15 year old skinhead, new to the scene but heavily into ska (esp. 2 Tone, Prince Buster and U.S. ska bands), looking to correspond with and exchange ska mixes and demos with Rudeboys/girls, skinheads/chicks and anyone into ska from all over the world. Racists need not reply. Craig Bolton, 19 Marion Ave, Apt. 2, Pittsburgh, PA 15221, USA

needs Martens size 14. S. Kanzler, Lucas-Cranach-Str. 62, 99610 Sömmmerda. Germany (G, E).
 *Pen pals wanted for correspondence with 31 year old ex-skinhead. Skins or non-skins not important, but must be non-political. Dave Andrews, 113 Boynton Rd, Shirecliffe, Sheffield. S5 7HL. England.
 *Traditional skin wants to hear from skinheads and skingirls everywhere. Into Oil, ska and drinking. No politicians please! Oil Oil! to the New York crew. Dominic Bruno Jr, P.O. Box 67, Edison, NJ 08818-0067. USA. (E)
 *I am looking for a 21 year old German skinhead who I met at the seaside in Porec, Croatia. We met at Mirabel disco on 11th August 1994. I stopped you and started to talk to you and met your friends. You also met two other Slovenian girls and I think you were staying in Plava Laguna. I don't remember your name, but hope you remember me. Simona Jamnik, Livada I, Smarca, 61240 Kamnik. Slovenia.
 *Mandy Jarman and Karl, did you tape the programme about the Nazi meeting disguised as a wedding reception (private joke). Dave and Lorraine.
 *1 x Loake Loafers burgundy size 4, 1 donkey green size M beige neu je 80DM, Telefon 06894 187940 Diana, Germany.
 *Ellen, love ya loads. Stafford is the number one skinhead baby, Marky Mark. Hello to Birmingham Bloungers, Walsall Scroungers and Close Shave.
 *Skinhead (15) sucht Briefreunde, vor allem Renees (mit Photo, bitte!). Keine Nazis oder Kommunisten! Vorab: Ich habe keine Ahnung von Fussball und HC! Mich interessiert: Ska, Oil, Darts, Motorroller. Christian Fleming, Bismarckstr. 19, 35781 Weilburg.
 *Scooterboy, age 26, would like scooter girl or skinhead girl to write to. Music taste, I'm into Northern Soul, ska, Motown, Paul Weller, etc., I enjoy watching football and attending scooter rallies. B. Hick, 34 Studley Rd, Harrogate, N. Yorks. LS24 9JH.
 *USA Skin looking for some pen mates. Just don't piss me off. Jamie, P.O. Box 168, Canton, CT 06014-0169. USA.
 *Louise Williams of Morecambe. Now we are engaged how about getting married? Love from Pete. P.S. Play up Pompey! *Merton Abbotts S.C., South West London's only Scooter Club (?). Scooter skins welcome to join. For more info call Ady 081 543 5367.
 *Achtung Oil/Ska Bands! Oa die örtlichen Klubs keinen vernünftigt Bands anzeiglesen, versudum wir es nun selbst. Alle Bands die dust haben mal in Magdeburg zu spielen, melden sich bei: Mark Lorenz, Charlottenstr. 20, 39124 Magdeburg, Germany.
 *Oil to the true skins and rudies from Florida. A big cheers to Jason, Drew, James and the Gainesville Bootboys. Fuck politics! Graham Cracker.
 *Hello to Andy (Rangerskins) and Udo (what about writing? Are you still alive?). Hi to Claudia (Berg-gladbach) and skins all over the world. Spirit of '69! Henner.

*Hello Lisi, you are the loveliest girl in the world. Thanx for being my girl. I will always love you. Raoul.
 *To Henrik and Karin! Thank you very much for the great "Dannebrog" 775th anniversary party. Skinhead regards from Brian, Michael and John. P.S. We hope to see you all at the 800th anniversary party!
 *Attention ska, soul, reggae and Oil bands. Please send me your music and band information for a compilation tape. All music sent guarantees the band a feature in my 'zine. Bootcrush Records, 245 17th Ave NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33704, USA.
 *19 year old CFC skin would like to write to / meet with other London skins and skingirls. Into Oil, real punk and ska. Not into the left or right - just keepin' the faith. Anthony Day, 18 Bramley House, Kingston Upon Thames, Surrey. KT2 7RP.
 *I'm searching for used Perry and Lonsdale shirts and polos in L and XL. Also used records. Bodo, O. Stadtmühlgasse 4, 91781 Weissenburg. Germany.
 *Zoya and Dave Thomas. We wish we could be in Toronto on the most important day of your lives. We wish you all the best! Love Duke, Noelle and Megan.
 *For Sale. Cheap LPs by The Riffs, The Nutty Boys, Ska compilation LPs. Also 12" and 7" singles for sale. Please send SAE for printed lists. D. Bennett, 54 Okehampton Rd, Exeter. EX1 1EP. England. Also wanted, Rico's Jama and That Man Is Forward 2 Tone LPs. Reasonable prices paid.
 *I am an 18 year old girl and I want to correspond with skins and skingirls all over the world. Marilyne Celary, 26 Rue Andre Peze, 62410 Winglis. France (E, F, Sp)
 *Looking for Liverpool FC merchandise, books, etc., as well as videos, books, etc., on football violence. Will trade German and American Oil or ska or will buy. Rot Front K-Town! S. Raymond, Postfach 928, Kapaun AS, 67661 Kaiserlautern. Germany.
 *Oil Neck - A really belated happy birthday and a big congrats! Hope I didn't get you in trouble. Sharon.
 *22 year old crucified skin doing four years for being a vigilante. Into Oil, power music and tattoos. Looking for bootgirls and bootboys to correspond with. Keep the faith! Mike Keane, P.O. Box 7000, Northampton, MA 01061-7000. USA.
 *Please help 21 year old skingirl scooterist! I have to do a thesis for University on crash helmet laws in different countries (advantages, disadvantages). Any info, views and ideas and what law is in your country gratefully appreciated. Tracey-Anne Loughran, 25 Brook Vale Rise, Lisburn, BT28 1DE. N. Ireland.
 *Dave (Worcester) happy 7th wedding anniversary July 25th and nearly 10 years together! May there be many more years to come. Can you finish decorating now? I'll

*Congratulations to Man Utd on the double. Well played Chelsea, esp. Sinclair (can't help but feel sorry for him). MUFC rule whilst the rest can only drool! Dave Deans.
 *Wanted. Skinhead books, pictures, postcards, photos, magazines. Also Exploited tapes and good skinhead music. And has anyone got a cheap Vespa they want shut of? D. Bunch, 19 Oakfield Rd, Wordsley, Stourbridge, West Midlands. DY8 5XS.
 *Gothenborg! Greetings to Donald and Petra for the hospitality and a great weekend (30/4/094). We owe you one! From Brian (Copenhagen) and John (Braband, Arhus). Hello and thanx to Ed (BFG, USA), Steffen (NW, Germany), Marx and Pride (Belgium), Greg (France), Jonesy (UK), Brad, Jim and co (UK), Peter (P. Impact, Belgium). From John.
 *Large ska collection, Gaz's, Unicorn, Skank, Skar. etc, LPs, 12's, 7's. For sale. Start from £4. Callers welcomed after 6.30 pm. Contact J. Atkinson, 12 Woodside Green, Kingsheath, Northampton. NN5 7HU.
 *Hey Gudi-Runi (Gudrun Grabsch)! Melde Dich bei Shorty (Neue Adresse Paul-Sorge-Straße 142a, 22455 Hamburg). Schöne Grüße an Carolina (ich liebe dich). Ronny und Gitte (Oil) und alle, die mich kennen.
 *Clockwork Alex remercie Manu de Montpellier et The Mushroom Pharaos Order pour la nuit de danse (Night Of The Caesars) du 14/5/94. Hello a Stephane (Apollo 12) et Claudia Phillips.
 *Je recherche des contacts avec des skins aimant les tattoos. Contactez moi! Alex Dumerc, 33 Rue Victor Hugo, Res Olympo Bat E, 65000 Tarbes. France.
 *Skinhead who plays trumpet is looking for sheet music for ska, 2 Tone, soul, etc., Write to Phill, 42 Alwin, Rickleton, Washington, Tyne & Wear. NE38 9EW.
 *Oil to all the skins from the Philly chick in issue 14. I'm looking for skinheads to exchange letters - I'm cute, 17 and available. Photos appreciated. Selina Van Hollander, 128 Winchester Rd, Merion, PA 19066. USA.
 *24 year old dark punk also into Oil, ska, thrash, would like to write to and meet up with skins/rudies any age or colour. Was any of you at The Selector gig at Camden or One Step Behind at The Marquee? I woz! Mick, 82 Charters Close, Upper Norwood, South London. SE19 1QP. England. Best wishes to all the Chelsea skins and Anthony from Kingston Upon Thames. Bootboy power! P.S. Definitely no Arsenal fans.
 *To Tara. Get your hair cut now please? Love the fat man, Stef.
 *Skinhead girl from New York wants contacts in Paris. Will be in Paris in mid-January for school. Please write to Sabrina K. Wong, 1201 Pennsylvania Ave #9G, Brooklyn, NY 11239. USA. SHARP.
 *Sally, love you always. Bunch.
 *Hey! 1995 skinhead calendar in the making! I need pictures of skins, crews and skin couples from all over the world. Pictures must be of good quality, give brief info, name, age, mode of transport, contact details.
 *I'm a Norwegian skinhead who wants to buy Dance Craze on video or LP. I'm also want Too Much Pressure LP by Selector and any by The Beat, Bad Manners, The International Beat, Bodysnatchers and The English Beat. Thomas Elene, Snarehaugen 10, 4018 Stavanger, Norway.
 *Seb, Worcester skingirl. Keep practising the guitar. Paint It Black, not bad for one string, wot about the other five though. We'll soon get you playing Skrewdriver. Write soon Jay Oil! Oil X. P.S. No more preaching. I agree Manchester United are sound and fuck Villa! There I said it!
 *Skinhead, 29, seeking relief from a dire need to find skingirls in my area due to it being rare to find any here. No Nazis. Paul Cavendish, 1386 N.K. St, San Bernardino, CA 92411. USA.
 *Maria - Looking forward to Santa Cruz? I am... Anna, you better move too! See you on the West Side gals! Zoya. P.S. Hi Duke, Noelle and Megan - I hope you liked the outfit sweetie!
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 *Dear Tony (Durango 95), I think you're the sexiest thing walking! Why haven't you done any gigs in Hollywood? Love, your secret admirer! XXX
 *Hated and proud! American skinhead, 22, behind bars looking for contacts and people to write to. Oil! Kevin Horrocks, HC HC P.O. Box 7000, Northampton, Mass 01061-7000. USA.
 *Wanted. White Levi's Sta-prest 32" waist. Also Derrick Morgan's Night At The Hop. Nobby, 9 Green Colley Grove, Walford, Ross On Wye, Herefordshire. HR9 5NZ.
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 *29 year old skinhead looking for any skingirls in San Bernardino and local area. If you're near me and see this ad, write to me please! Paul Cavendish, 1386 N.K. St, San Bernardino, CA 92411. USA.
 *Trojan skin, 19, seeks skingirl to write and meet up with into reggae, ska, northern, scooters. If you're rude enough write to Nobby, 9 Green Colley Grove, Walford, Ross On Wye, Herefordshire. HR9 5NZ. England.
 *Regards to all the skinheads who support TSV-1860-München football club. I hope there are more than 5 skins this season.
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 *Skinhead, 29, seeking relief from a dire need to find skingirls in my area due to it being rare to find any here. No Nazis. Paul Cavendish, 1386 N.K. St, San Bernardino, CA 92411. USA.
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Stephenn Pounan, La Camduse, 14500 Pont D'Ouilly, France. (E, F)

*Oil, punk and ska records for sale. Are you missing something from your collection? Maybe I can help. Send wants list to Andy Munro, 150 Charlemont Rd, East Ham, London. E6 4HE, England.

*Oil Oil! Skinhead. US Marine stationed in Japan wants skins and skinhead girls to correspond with from all over the world Anderson CP 128802627, 3rd CEB Supt Co, Unit # 36410, FPO AP 96602-6410. USA.

*Hello from Templar Phil to Ray, Ulrich, Perry, Vincent and Philippe, Dave and AJ, Carl, Ivano and Dom, Jäsa an Kalle, Tim Paine, Steve and Tony, and last but not least Grandmaster Hugh De Payens.

*Wanted, Beat Boys In The Jet Age LP by Lambrettas and any singles of Timi Yuro or other northern soul stars. Bonesso Stephane, Quartier Balejon, 31160 Aspet, France (E,F).

*Thanks to the Sthlm Smart Skins with their leader Botos who shows Sweden that the true skinhead cult lives. Fuck the boneheads! From the old fat one, E-tuna.

*21 year old skinhead into ska, skinhead reggae and old hardcore would like to receive photos of skinhead girls from anywhere. Mike, 4143 Baldwin Ave, El Monte, CA 91731. USA.

*Wanted! The American issues of the following Beat CDs - I Just Can't Stop It, Wha'ppen, Special Beat Service and What Is Beat. Send price list to Mark Barrett, 47 Stokesley Rd, Marton, Middlesbrough, Cleveland. TS7 8DT. UK.

*Naomi - I miss you and love you more than anything - Dave.

*The Templar Hordes need fanatics for their crusade of Oil!. P.O. Box 602, Bayshore, New York 11706-0660. USA. Only non-political knights and maidens need apply.

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*Ellen, love ya loads. Stafford is the number one skinhead baby, Marky Mark. Hello to Birmingham Bloungers, Walsall Scroungers and Close Shave.

*Skinhead (15) sucht Briefreunde, vor allem Renees (mit Photo, bitte!). Keine Nazis oder Komunisten! Vorab: Ich habe keine Ahnung von Fussball und HC! Mich interessiert: Ska, Oil, Darts, Motorroller. Christian Fleming, Bismarckstr. 18, 35781 Weilburg.

*Scooterboy, age 26, would like scooter girl or skinhead girl to write to. Music taste, I'm into Northern Soul, ska, Motown, Paul Weller, etc., I enjoy watching football and attending scooter rallies. B. Hick, 34 Studley Rd, Harrogate, N. Yorks. LS24 9JH.

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*Louise Williams of Morecambe. Now we are engaged how about getting married? Love from Pete. P.S. Play up Pompey! *Merton Abbotts S.C., South West London's only Scooter Club (?). Scooter skins welcome to join. For more info call Ady 081 543 5367.

*Achtung Oil/Ska Bands! Oa die örtlichen Klubs keinen vernünftig Bands anzeigen, versudum wir es nun selbst. Alle Bands die dust haben mal in Magdeburg zu spielen, melden sich bei: Mark Lorenz, Charlottenstr. 20, 39124 Magdeburg, Germany.

*Oil to the true skins and rudies from Florida. A big cheers to Jason, Drew, James and the Gainsville Bootboys. Fuck politics! Graham Cracker.

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*For Sale. Cheap LPs by The Riffs, The Nutty Boys, Ska compilation LPs. Also 12" and 7" singles for sale. Please send SAE for printed lists. D. Bennett, 54 Okehampton Rd, Exeter. EX1 1EP. England. Also wanted, Rico's Jama and That Man Is Forward 2 Tone LPs. Reasonable prices paid.

*I am an 18 year old girl and I want to correspond with skins and skingirls all over the world. Marilyne Celary, 26 Rue Andre Peze, 62410 Winglis. France (E, F, Sp)

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*Oil Neck - A really belated happy birthday and a big congrats! Hope I didn't get you in trouble, Sharon.

*22 year old crucified skin doing four years for being a vigilante. Into Oil, power music and tattoos. Looking for bootgirls and bootboys to correspond with. Keep the faith! Mike Keane, P.O. Box 7000, Northampton, MA 01061-7000. USA.

*Please help 21 year old skingirl scooterist! I have to do a thesis for University on crash helmet laws in different countries (advantages, disadvantages). Any info, views and ideas and what law is in your country gratefully appreciated. Tracey-Anne Goughran, 25 Brook Vale Rise, Lisburn, BT28 1DE. N. Ireland.

*Dave (Worcester) happy 7th wedding anniversary July 25th and nearly 10 years together! May there be many more years to come. Can you finish decorating now? I'll rub down! Love Seb. XXX

*Laura S. I'm sorry for fucking up our future and ending up back in jail. If you ever want me bacvk I'll be out at most in four years. Write back. Hello to Will, Dab B, Irish Rich, Ed M. Keep ya heads up! Oil! Oil! Paul Bearer, where are you? Write you shit! Mike Keane, P.O. Box 7000, Northampton, MA 01061-7000. USA.

*Hallo Cindy, Ich liebe Dich. Dein Mario.

*I like to chat with someone who is not SHARP or red skinhead around the world. Andrija Spicanovic, Naselje Mose Pijade 30/30, 36000 Kraljevo, Serbia, Yugoslavia.

*Looking for issues 1-7 of Skinhead Times. Maybe in German. Mario Deutsch, Im Brühl 38, 6806 Tosters. Austria.

*Seb, Worcs. Oil! Oil! What's the word skingbird?! Sorry, I've not written in years, but I'm just a lazy bastard in love (with my new boyfriend of course!). Hope you like the package that will be arriving soon. Your skinhead buddy, Christine. P.S. What do they mean, "put your hand in your pockets"? Naughty! Naughty!

*I am looking for Brian Miller! I lost contact with you after you got out, sorry I missed your phone call. Please write soon. Love ya, Laura, 800 Pritchard Ave Ext A6, Chapel Hill, NC 27516. USA.

*American skingirl into mostly Oil and some ska would like to hear from fellow skinheads and skingirls everywhere and to exchange photos, gear, etc., or just penpals. Skins true and through write to Iliana Monette, 12651 Rios Road, San Diego, CA 92128. USA.

*My Dudi (Gudrun Grabsch). Melde Dich bei Shorly (Neue Adresse Paul-Sorge-Straße 142a, 22455 Hamburg). Schöne Grüße an Carolina (ich liebe dich). Ronny und Gitte (Oil) und alle, die mich kennen.

*Clockwork Alex remercie Manu de Montpeller et The Mushroom Pharaos Order pour la nuit de danse (Night Of The Caesars) du 14/5/94. Hello a Stephane (Apollo 12) et Claudia Phillips.

*Je recherche des contacts avec des skins aimant les tattoos. Contactez moi! Alex Dumerc, 33 Rue Victor Hugo, Res Olympio Bat E, 65000 Tarbes. France.

*Skinhead who plays trumpet is looking for sheet music for ska, 2 Tone, soul, etc., Write to Phill, 42 Alwin, Rickleton, Washington, Tyne & Wear. NE38 9EW.

*Oil to all the skins from the Philly chick in issue 14. I'm looking for skinheads to exchange letters - I'm cute, 17 and available. Photos appreciated. Selina Van Hollander, 128 Winchester Rd, Merion, PA 19066. USA.

*24 year old dark punk also into Oil, ska, thrash, would like to write to and meet up with skins/rudies any age or colour. Was any of you at The Selecter gig at Camden or One Step Behind at The Marquee? I woz! Mick, 82 Charters Close, Upper Norwood, South London. SE19 1QP. England. Best wishes to all the Chelsea skins and Anthony from Kingston Upon Thames. Bootboy power! P.S. Definitely no Arsenal fans.

*To Tara. Get your hair cut now please? Love the fat man, Stef.

*Skinhead girl from New York wants contacts in Paris. Will be in Paris in mid-January for school. Please write to Sabrina K. Wong, 1201 Pennsylvania Ave #9G, Brooklyn, NY 11239. USA. SHARP.

*Sally, love you always. Bunch.

*Hey! 1995 skinhead calendar in the making! I need pictures of skins, crews and skin couples from all over the world. Pictures must be of good quality, give brief info about yourself and a few words about what being a skinhead means to you. M.C. (Suzanne), 4112 Grand View Blvd #1, Los Angeles, CA 90066. USA.

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WITH England all set to play host to the European Championships in 1996, it's in the interests of the football authorities to pretend that hooliganism is at worst now confined to isolated incidents and at best a thing of the past.

Anyone who goes to the football though knows that such wishful thinking has changed nothing. There is certainly less trouble inside grounds, thanks to better policing and crowd segregation, but that has only shifted the trouble to other places, often well away from the long arm of the law.

Every now and again something happens that makes headline news, and people realise that football violence is alive and kicking. Last May, at the end of the season, 200 Millwall fans ran amok during the First Division play-off game with Derby County, making it virtually impossible for the game to be played. It was supposedly the first trouble involving Millwall all season, but only those who believe in Father Christmas would fall for that one. In fact, there was a story going around that during some trouble between Millwall and Crystal Palace fans earlier in the season, the Old Bill turned up and went away a police dog short because someone had nicked it.

There was also trouble associated with lots of other teams in England last season, from the likes of Leeds and Newcastle, right down to non-league clubs who are attracting increasing numbers of hooligans because of the lower police presence at their games.

In Scotland, there are all the signs that football aggro is on the increase again too. Dundee and Hibs fans fought on the opening day of the season, with Dundee looking to make a name for themselves and Hibs determined to maintain their reputation of recent years as Scotland's top football mob. Dundee fans have also been involved in trouble with Airdrie fans, who in turn took on local rivals Motherwell before and after their recent Cup game.

It's a problem that isn't going to go away easily, as a new video, *Trouble On The Terraces* (Castle Communications), clearly illustrates. It is 80 minutes long, and for the first time on film clearly shows why the trouble happens both here and abroad. It's amazing that nobody has done it before, but to be honest few companies have the bottle or the understanding to make a programme like this happen.

There's plenty of classic footage of football violence, including Millwall at Luton, Leeds at Bournemouth, England fans in Europe, riots in

Trouble On The Terraces was released on September 5th by Castle Communications PLC. It is now available in all good shops and other outlets.

Yugoslavia and shootings in South America. There's even Scotland fans wrecking Wembley.

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Every now and again something happens that makes headline news, and people realise that football violence is alive and kicking. Last May, at the end of the season, 200 Millwall fans ran amok during the First Division play-off game with Derby County, making it virtually impossible for the game to be played. It was supposedly the first trouble involving Millwall all season, but only those who believe in Father Christmas would fall for that one. In fact, there was a story going around that during some trouble between Millwall and Crystal Palace fans earlier in the season, the Old Bill turned up and went away a police dog short because someone had nicked it.

of the season, with Dundee looking to make a name for themselves and Hibs determined to maintain their reputation of recent years as Scotland's top football mob. Dundee fans have also been involved in trouble with Airdrie fans, who in turn took on local rivals Motherwell before and after their recent Cup game.

It's a problem that isn't going to go away easily, as a new video, *Trouble On The Terraces* (Castle Communications), clearly illustrates. It is 80 minutes long, and for the first time on film clearly shows why the trouble happens both here and abroad. It's amazing that nobody has done it before, but to be honest few companies have the bottle or the understanding to make a programme like this happen.

There's plenty of classic footage of football violence, including Millwall at Luton, Leeds at Bournemouth, England fans in Europe, riots in

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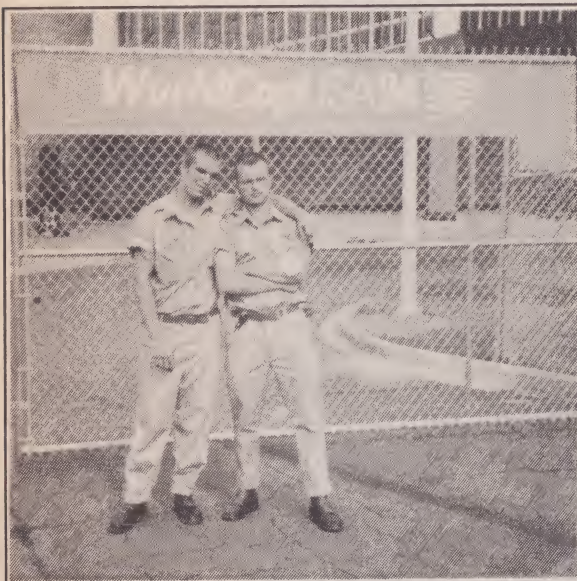


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The main trouble lasted around ten minutes, with seven people needing medical treatment. When the police finally arrived they made just one arrest. McCracken went on to retain his title, but it isn't the first time his fans have caused trouble, and it isn't going to be easy finding a promoter willing to put him on after this latest incident.

Thanks again to everyone who helped make this issue possible. As usual, there wasn't enough room for everything, but we will try and get it in the next issue. Keep the ideas, news and views coming so that we can continue to make each issue better than the last. Issue 16 will be out in December with any luck. But don't hold your breath!

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